

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION

OF THE

HOLSTON CONFERENCE

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

HELD AT

CLEVELAND, TENN., OCTOBER 10-16, 1888.

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[See Discipline of 1888, ¶ 390.]

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[For the present Conference Year.]

Districts.	Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Church Extension.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.	Sunday-School Union.	Tract Society.	American Bible Society.
Athens District	\$500 00	\$85 00	\$200 00	\$85 00	\$60 00	\$85 00	\$42 50	\$42 50	\$42 50
Chattanooga	500 00	85 00	200 00	85 00	60 00	85 00	42 50	42 50	42 50
Greeneville	600 00	100 00	250 00	100 00	75 00	100 00	50 00	50 00	50 00
Kingston	400 00	65 00	150 00	65 00	50 00	65 00	32 50	32 50	32 50
Knoxville	600 00	100 00	250 00	100 00	75 00	100 00	50 00	50 00	50 00
Morristown	400 00	65 00	150 00	65 00	50 00	65 00	32 50	32 50	32 50
Aggregates..	\$3,000 00	\$500 00	\$1,200 00	\$500 00	\$370 00	\$500 00	\$250 00	\$250 00	\$250 00

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Cleveland, Tenn., Oct. 15, 1888.

Presiding Elders.

17.

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[See Discipline of 1888, ¶84.]

Athens District.—

R. K. Boyd.....	Athens,	Tennessee.
J. F. Perry	Chatata,	"
R. J. Cooke	Cleveland,	"
*J. P. Bryant	Athens,	"
*J. B. Childress	Athens,	"
*D. M. Cone	Athens,	"

*Laymen.

Chattanooga District.—

A. B. Riker.....	Chattanooga,	Tennessee.
J. J. Manker.	Chattanooga,	"
W. C. Miller.....	Dayton,	"
*W. M. Wilhoit.	Chattanooga,	"
*J. W. Adams.....	Chattanooga,	"
*J. F. Smith.....	Dayton,	"

Greeneville District.—

Moses Seaton.....	Mountain City,	Tennessee.
T. S. Walker.....	Chucky City,	"
S. G. Ketron.....	Bloomington,	"
*W. M. Christian.....	Johnson City,	"
*G. A. Bailey.....	Laurel Gap,	"
*W. A. Allen.....	Greeneville,	"

Kingston District.—

J. A. Baker.....	Clinton,	Tennessee.
A. B. Wright.....	Oliver Springs,	"
T. A. Cass.	Emory Gap,	"
*W. E. Knight.....	Sunbright,	"
*William Dail	Clinton,	"
*Arvill Taylor	Clinton,	"

Knoxville District.—

M. A. Rule.....	Beaver Ridge,	Tennessee.
W. T. Senter.....	New Market,	"
J. A. Ruble	Knoxville,	"
T. R. West	Tampico,	"
D. S. Hodsden.....	Maryville,	"
*Barnabas Brain.....	Knoxville,	"
*R. H. Andes.....	Sevierville,	"
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*G. W. Hill	Dandridge,	"
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W. C. Graves	Morristown,	Tennessee.
William Kinsland.	Maynardville,	"
J. L. McKenzie.....	Speedwell,	"
J. L. Cardwell.....	Morristown,	"
A. G. Cadle.....	Sneedville,	"
*J. H. Claibourn.	Well Spring,	"
*G. C. Ford	Tazewell,	"

* Laymen.

*Joseph Wright.....	Rogersville,	Tennessee.
*J. R. Shults.....	Newport,	"
*James Cadle.....	Tazewell,	"

18.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Holston Conference Board of Church Extension will meet in the Clinch Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, at 3:30 P. M., February 21st, and at the same place July 4th, 1889.

J. A. RUBLE, *President.*

*Laymen.

SESSIONS OF THE HOLSTON CONFERENCE.

Year.	Time.	Place.	Bishop.	Secretary.
1865...	July 5.....	Athens.....	D. W. Clark.....	J. F. Spence.
1866...	May 17.....	Greeneville.....	D. W. Clark.....	J. F. Spence.
1867...	October 3.....	Knoxville.....	C. Kingsley.....	J. F. Spence.
1868...	October 8.....	Chattanooga.....	D. W. Clark.....	J. F. Spence.
1869...	October 7.....	Jonesboro.....	M. Simpson.....	J. F. Spence.
1870...	October 3.....	Knoxville.....	L. Scott.....	J. J. Manker.
1871...	October 11.....	Greeneville.....	L. Scott.....	J. J. Manker.
1872...	October 2.....	Cleveland.....	S. M. Merrill.....	J. J. Manker.
1873...	October 1.....	Knoxville.....	G. Haven.....	J. J. Manker.
1874...	September 30.....	Chattanooga.....	E. G. Andrews.....	J. J. Manker.
1875...	September 29.....	Greeneville.....	T. Bowman.....	J. J. Manker.
1876...	October 4.....	Kingston.....	L. Scott.....	J. J. Manker.
1877...	September 27.....	Knoxville.....	W. L. Harris.....	J. J. Manker.
1878...	October 2.....	New Market.....	L. Scott.....	J. J. Manker.
1879...	October 15.....	Knoxville.....	I. W. Wiley.....	J. J. Manker.
1880...	October 20.....	Greeneville.....	E. O. Haven.....	J. D. Roberson.
1881...	October 20.....	Maryville.....	E. G. Andrews.....	J. S. Hill.
1882...	October 19.....	Chattanooga.....	M. Simpson.....	J. S. Hill.
1883...	October 17.....	Knoxville.....	T. Bowman.....	J. S. Hill.
1884...	October 16.....	Greeneville.....	H. W. Warren.....	T. B. Russell.
1885...	October 15.....	Johnson City.....	J. F. Hurst.....	T. B. Russell.
1886...	October 21.....	Athens.....	W. F. Mallalieu.....	T. B. Russell.
1887...	October 12.....	Knoxville.....	E. G. Andrews.....	T. B. Russell.
1888...	October 10.....	Cleveland.....	J. N. FitzGerald.....	T. B. Russell.

COMMITTEES OF THE SESSION OF 1888.

Education.—R. J. Cooke, D. Richardson, T. S. Walker, J. A. Baker, J. A. Ruble, W. C. Graves.

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Temperance.—H. H. Burk, M. M. Murrell, R. S. Sampson.

Missions.—The Presiding Elders.

Sunday-Schools.—F. W. Henck, J. B. Seaton, J. H. Amis.

Tracts.—W. D. Smith, J. L. Cardwell, W. D. Gorman.

Book Concern Accounts.—M. M. Murrell.

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Postoffices.—J. M. Durham, A. G. Cadle, G. M. Stone, I. H. Miller, B. Crist, J. N. Kendall.

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Public Worship.—R. J. Cooke, J. K. P. Marshall, J. J. Robinette.

Church Literature.—J. W. Mann, J. D. Winchester, I. A. Pearce.

American Bible Society.—S. G. Ketron, W. H. Rogers, J. W. McGee.

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Episcopal Fund.—D. S. Hodsdon, M. H. Monroe, I. H. Reneau.

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Memoirs.—J. A. Baker, F. G. Mellor, J. A. Nicholson, J. W. Mann.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

(*Supernumerary. †Superannuated.)

NAME.	POSTOFFICE.	
J. H. Amis.....	Rogersville,	Tennessee.
A. R. Archibald.....	Salt Lake City,	Utah.
R. O. Ayers.....	Bank,	Tennessee.
J. A. Baker.....	Clinton,	"
J. N. Baker*.....	Jonesboro,	"
A. E. Barnes*.....	Dayton,	"
R. K. Boyd.....	Athens,	"
A. J. Bruner*.....	Laurel Gap,	"
M. C. Bruner*.....	Dayton,	"
Milton Brown.....	Chattanooga,	"
J. W. Burnett?.....		
H. H. Burk.....	Cleveland,	"
M. R. M. Burk*.....	Chatata,	"
W. R. Byerly.....	Brayton,	"
A. G. Cadle.....	Sneedville,	"
L. B. Caldwell.....	Athens,	"
T. C. Carter.....	Chattanooga,	"
J. L. Cardwell.....	Timber Ridge,	"
T. A. Cass.....	Emory Gap,	"
E. B. Clark†.....	Athens,	"
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G. B. Cox.....	Keebler's Cross Roads,	"
A. F. Creswell*.....		
B. Crist.....	Greeneville,	Tennessee.
W. C. Daily*.....	San Rosa,	California.
J. M. Durham.....	Adair's Creek,	Tennessee.
J. D. Droke.....	Greeneville,	"
J. B. Fitzgerald.....	Chucky City,	"
W. C. Graves†.....	Morristown,	"

NAME.	POSTOFFICE.
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W. M. Haskell†.....	Knoxville,
P. H. Henry.	Concord,
G. M. Hicks.	Rogersville,
T. H. Hodge	Laurel Gap,
D. S. Hodsden.	Maryville,
S. W. Hyden†.....	Maryville,
G. W. Jarvis	Sneedville,
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S. G. Ketron.....	Bloomingtondale,
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J. D. Lawson*.....	Wear's Cove,
D. B. Lawton†.....	
E. S. Lewis.....	Chattanooga,
J. B. Little*.....	Well Spring,
W. R. Long*.....	Mission Ridge,
J. W. Mann.....	Johnson City,
J. J. Manker.....	Chattanooga,
J. K. P. Marshall*.....	Cleveland,
J. L. McKenzie.	Forkdale,
F. G. Mellor.....	Morristown,
W. C. Miller.....	Dayton,
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J. F. Perry.....	Goodfield,
A. C. Peters.....	Skene,
J. S. Petty.....	Morristown,
P. H. Reed	Whitesburg,
D. Richardson	Graysville,
A. B. Riker.....	Chattanooga,
I. A. Pearce.....	Knoxville,
R. C. Robertson.....	Fair Garden,
J. J. Robinette.....	Dayton,
W. H. Rogerst.....	Stamper,

*Supernumerary.

†Superannuated.

NAME.	POSTOFFICE.
A. M. Rose.....	New River, Tennessee.
J. A. Ruble.....	Knoxville, "
M. A. Rule.....	Beaver Ridge, "
T. B. Russell.....	Jonesboro, "
T. H. Russell.....	Loudon, "
R. S. Sampson.....	Kingston, "
S. B. Scott.....	Crossville, "
J. B. Seaton.....	Maynardville, "
M. Seaton.....	Mountain City, "
W. T. Senter.....	New Market, "
W. D. Smith.....	Red Hill, "
J. F. Spence.....	Knoxville, "
G. M. Stone.....	Ducktown, "
S. Tinker*.....	Chattanooga, "
T. S. Walker.....	Chucky City, "
A. G. Watkins†.....	Morristown, "
T. R. West.....	Tampico, "
A. B. Wright.....	Sunbright, "
J. C. Wright.....	Athens, "

*Supernumerary.

†Superannuated.

PROBATIONERS.

NAME.	POSTOFFICE.
*1. N. M. Baldwin.....	Newport, Tennessee.
1. W. S. Cagle.....	Newcomb, "
1. J. W. Edwards.....	"
1. W. D. Gorman.....	Andersonville, Tennessee.
1. J. C. Hodge.....	Carter's Depot, "
1. J. W. McGee.....	Tracy City, "
1. H. W. McKenzie.....	Speedwell, "
1. M. H. Monroe.....	Athens, "
2. J. L. Neely.....	Spring City, "
1. D. J. Nelson.....	Decater, "
1. H. B. Ogle.....	Sunbright, "
2. I. H. Reneau.....	Parrottsville, "
1. J. D. Winchester.....	Athens, "

*The figures indicate the year of probation.—EDITOR.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who are received by Transfer, and from what Conference?* A. R. Archibald, from the New England, and Milton Brown, from the Arkansas Conferences. Probations from the Kentucky Conference, namely, J. W. Edwards and M. H. Monroe.
2. *Who are Admitted on Trial?* N. M. Baldwin, W. S. Cagle, J. W. Edwards, W. D. Gorman, J. C. Hodge, J. W. McGee, H. W. McKenzie, M. H. Monroe, D. J. Nelson, H. B. Ogle, J. D. Winchester.
3. *Who Remain on Trial?* J. L. Neely, I. H. Reneau.
4. *Who are Discontinued?* William R. McNeese.
5. *Who are Admitted into Full Connection?* Jasper N. Kendall, Alfred G. Cadle, James L. McKenzie, Albert M. Rose.
6. *Who are Re-admitted?* G. M. Hicks.
7. *Who are Received on Credentials from other Churches?* None.
8. *What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?* Jasper N. Kendall, Alfred G. Cadle, James L. McKenzie, Albert M. Rose.
9. *What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?* Those elected.
10. *What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?* Joel F. Smith, Isaac H. Reneau.
11. *What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?* The two elected.
12. *Who are the Traveling Deacons of the First Class?* J. N. Kendall, A. G. Cadle, J. L. McKenzie, A. M. Rose, J. K. P. Marshall, W. B. Byerly.
13. *Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?* George B. Cox.
14. *What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?* None.
15. *What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?* None.
16. *What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?* John P. Morton.

17. *What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders?* John P. Morton.

18. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?* M. R. M. Burk, A. J. Bruner, J. N. Baker, F. M. Cones, A. F. Creswell, J. K. P. Marshall, W. C. Dailey, J. N. Moore, J. D. Lawson, M. C. Bruner, A. E. Barnes, J. B. Little, S. Tinker, W. R. Long, J. H. Jennings.

19. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?* W. M. Haskell, W. C. Graves, W. H. Rogers, A. J. Greer, S. W. Hyden, G. Julian, E. B. Clark, A. G. Watkins, D. B. Lawton.

20. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?* This was strictly done as the name of each Preacher was called in open Conference.

21. *Have any Died?* Lemuel Bogart, William T. Jones.

22. *Have any been Transferred, and to what Conference?* None.

23. *Have any Withdrawn?* None.

24. *Have any been Located at their own Request?* F. W. Henck, Robert Steudel.

25. *Have any been Located?* None.

26. *Have any been permitted to withdraw under Charges?* None.

27. *Have any been Expelled?* None.

28. *Who are selected for Triers of Appeals?* W. D. Smith, W. Kinsland, J. A. Baker, S. B. Scott, T. S. Walker, H. H. Burk.

29. *What is the Statistical Report for this Conference Year?* (See Tabulated Statements.)

30. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?* Not answered.

31. *What has been received on these Claims, and how has it been applied?*

Received by Conference Collections.....	\$186 00
“ “ Chartered Fund.....	30 00
“ “ Book Dividend.....	309 00
Total.....	\$525 00

Applied to Conference claimants, under the supervision of the Conference. [See Steward's Report.]

32. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?* See list of Appointments.

33. *Where shall the Next Conference be held?* At Dayton, Tenn.

APPOINTMENTS.

ATHENS DISTRICT.

L. B. Caldwell, P. E. (P. O., Athens, Tenn.)
 Athens, R. K. Boyd.
 Athens Circuit, J. N. Kendall.
 Blue Spring and Suee, to be supplied.
 Chatata, J. F. Perry.
 Cleveland, R. J. Cooke.
 Cleveland Circuit, H. H. Burk.
 Decater, D. J. Nelson.
 Ducktown, G. M. Stone.
 Madisonville, to be supplied.
 North Athens, to be supplied.
 Ooltewah, to be supplied.
 Sweetwater and Philadelphia, to be supplied.
 Tellico, to be supplied.
 J. F. Spence, President of, and J. C. Wright, Professor in, Grant Memorial University, and members of Athens Quarterly Conference.
 A. R. Archibald, Missionary to Utah.
 I. H. Miller, M. H. Monroe, J. D. Winchester, and J. W. Edwards left without appointments to attend one of our schools.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

J. J. Robinette, P. E. (P. O., Dayton, Tenn.)
 Brayton, W. R. Byerly.
 Chattanooga—
 Cameron and St. Elmo, to be supplied.
 Chattanooga Circuit, to be supplied.
 First Church, A. B. Riker.
 Mission Ridge, to be supplied.
 Montgomery Avenue, Milton Brown.
 Dayton, W. C. Miller.
 Graysville, Daniel Richardsou.
 Hamilton (P. O., Red Hill), W. D. Smith.
 Hill City, to be supplied.
 Jasper, M. M. Murrell.
 Pikeville, to be supplied.
 South Pittsburg, to be supplied.
 Spring City, J. L. Neely.
 Tracy City, J. W. McGee.
 Tracy City Circuit, to be supplied.
 T. C. Carter, Editor *Methodist Advocate*, member of First Church Quarterly Conference.
 E. S. Lewis, President, J. J. Manker, Professor, Chattanooga University, members of First Church Quarterly Conference.

GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.

T. B. Russell, P. E. (P. O., Jonesboro, Tenn.)
 Chucky City, T. S. Walker.
 Elizabethton and Roan Mountain, to be supplied.
 Ervin, F. H. Little, supply.
 Fall Branch, G. B. Cox.
 Greeneville, J. D. Droke.
 Greeneville Circuit, B. Crist.
 Johnson City, J. W. Mann.
 Jonesboro, to be supplied.

Jonesboro Circuit, to be supplied.
 Kingsport, S. G. Ketron.
 Mountain City, M. Seaton.
 Oakland, T. H. Hodge.
 Watauga (P. O. Carter's Depot), J. C. Hodge.
 J. B. Fitzgerald, Financial Agent Warren Collegiate Institute, member of Chucky City Quarterly Conference.

KINGSTON DISTRICT.

A. C. Peters, P. E. (P. O., Skene, Tenn.)
 Andersonville, W. D. Gorman.
 Clinton and Coal Creek, J. A. Baker.
 Crossville, S. B. Scott.
 Emory Gap, T. A. Cass.
 Genesee, to be supplied.
 Jamestown, to be supplied.
 Kingston, R. S. Sampson.
 Mount Vernon (P. O. Skene), to be supplied.
 Newcomb and Jellico, W. S. Cagle.
 New River, A. M. Rose.
 Oliver Springs, A. B. Wright.
 Rockwood, to be supplied.
 Scarborough, Samuel Greear.
 Sunbright and Oakdale, H. B. Ogle.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

J. S. Petty, P. E. (P. O., Morristown, Tenn.)
 Emert Cove, to be supplied.
 Fair Garden, R. C. Robertson.
 Knox P. O., Tampico, T. R. West. —
 Knoxville—
 Asylum Street, J. A. Ruble.
 Clinch Street, I. A. Pearce.
 North, to be supplied.
 Little River (P. O., Bank), R. O. Ayers.
 London, T. H. Russell.
 Loveville (P. O., Concord), P. H. Heury.
 Maryville, D. S. Hodsdon.
 New Market, W. T. Senter.
 New Salem, M. A. Rule.
 Sevierville, J. A. Nicholson.
 Thorn Grove, J. M. Durham.

MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.

G. W. Jarvis, P. E. (P. O., Sneedville, Tenn.)
 Big Valley (P. O., Forkdale), J. L. McKenzie.
 Buren, to be supplied.
 Fincastle, to be supplied.
 Maynardville, J. B. Seaton.
 Morristown and Clifton, F. G. Mellor.
 Morristown Circuit, J. L. Cardwell.
 Newport, N. M. Baldwin.
 Parrottsville, I. H. Reneau.
 Rogersville, J. H. Amis.
 Rogersville Circuit, G. M. Hicks.
 Rutledge, W. Kinsland.
 Sneedville, A. G. Cadle.
 Speedwell, H. W. McKenzie.
 Tazewell, to be supplied.
 Whitesburg, F. H. Reed.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE JOURNAL.

DAILY BUSINESS SESSIONS.

CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE, October 10th, 1888.

The Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church assembled in its Twenty-fourth Annual Session, in Cleveland, Tennessee, October 10th, 1888, Bishop James N. FitzGerald, D. D., presiding.

The opening service consisted in the singing of appropriate hymns announced by the Bishop, suitable lessons from the Scriptures, the Holy Sacrament and prayer by the Bishop; and the Rev. Dr. Mann also led the Conference in prayer.

The Secretary of the last session called the Roll, and fifty-five answered "*present.*"

Thomas B. Russell was re-elected Secretary, and R. J. Cooke Assistant Secretary.

J. H. Amis was chosen Statistical Secretary, and S. G. Ketron and M. A. Rule, Assistant Statistical Secretaries.

It was agreed that the Conference Bar should be on a line with the outside of the second pair of windows.

The hours of meeting and adjourning were fixed at 8:30 A. M. and 12 m.

On motion of Dr. Manker the Presiding Elders were appointed a Committee on Nominations, and they were allowed to retire to complete their report.

The Bishop stated that the Conference was authorized to draw on the Book Concern to the amount of \$309.00, and also on the Chartered Fund for \$30.00. These drafts were ordered, and referred to the Board of Stewards.

Communications were received from the Book Concern, and the Sunday-school Union, and the Freedmen's Aid and Southern

Education Society, the papers being referred to the proper committees. A paper relative to General Conference Expenses was referred to a special committee.

T. S. Walker was elected Conference Treasurer.

The Bishop announced the transfer of Rev. A. R. Archibald to this Conference.

The New York Book Concern accounts were placed in the hands of W. C. Graves for collection.

A paper from the East Tennessee Conference, asking the co-operation of this Conference in a petition to the Legislature of Tennessee, requesting the enactment of a law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to boys under sixteen years old, was referred to the Committee of Temperance.

J. J. Robinette read the report of the Committee on Nominations, which was approved. [See Committees of 1888.]

The Eighteenth Question: "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was called, and M. R. M. Burk, J. N. Baker, A. J. Bruner, J. D. Lawson, J. N. Moore, S. Tinker, A. E. Barnes, W. C. Dailey, J. B. Little, W. R. Long, A. F. Creswell, J. K. P. Marshall, F. M. Cones and M. C. Bruner were duly approved and continued in their present relation.

On motion of Dr. Caldwell the case of J. W. Burnett was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

A. G. Watkins was placed on the Superannuated list, he so requesting.

The Nineteenth Question: "Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was called, and W. M. Haskell, W. C. Graves, S. W. Hyden, George Julian, D. B. Lawton, A. J. Greer, W. H. Rogers and E. B. Clark were approved and continued in the Superannuated Relation. Each member of this class present spoke tenderly to the Conference on personal experience and the high office of the Ministry.

Dr. Manker read certificates from the pastor and physician of D. B. Lawton, as to his high-toned standing and the poor state of his health. The papers were referred to the Board of Stewards.

Under the Twentieth Question, J. J. Robinette, Presiding Elder of the Chattanooga District, after the passage of his character, read the report of his District.

The effective Elders of the Chattanooga District, namely: J. W. Mann, T. H. Russell, H. H. Burk, W. C. Miller, A. B. Riker, J. J. Manker, J. D. Droke, R. J. Cooke, J. F. Perry,

W. D. Smith, G. M. Stone, T. C. Carter, J. F. Spence, J. C. Wright, E. S. Lewis, and R. Steudel, were examined in character and approved, each reporting his collection for missions, except those not in charge.

R. Steudel was granted a certificate of location at his own request.

The Dayton District was called, but the Presiding Elder, Dr. Caldwell, was not ready to report. However, the names of the Elders of this District were called and approved, as follows: S. B. Scott, D. Richardson, I. H. Miller, and T. A. Cass.

The Greeneville District was called, the character of the Presiding Elder approved, and he read his report; after which M. Seaton, J. H. Jennings, R. S. Sampson, T. S. Walker, T. H. Hodge, J. H. Amis, B. Crist, S. G. Ketron, and J. B. Fitzgerald were passed as effective Elders.

Rev. Dr. Hayes, Rev. Mr. Kiplinger, and Rev. Dr. Riker were introduced to the Conference.

On motion of Dr. Lewis, it was agreed that when the Conference adjourn it be to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon in statistical session.

After announcements, the doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by Dr. Carter.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference re-assembled at 2 P. M., T. S. Walker in the chair. The devotional services were led by F. G. Mellor.

After the usual statistical session the Conference adjourned. Benediction by W. C. Graves.

SECOND DAY.

CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE, October 11th, 1888.

The Conference met at the time appointed, the Bishop in the chair. The prayer-meeting was conducted by W. M. Haskell.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

W. C. Graves presented a paper, which was referred to the Committee on Episcopal Fund.

A Committee on the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society was appointed, as follows: E. S. Lewis, I. A. Pearce, F. G. Mellor, I. H. Miller, T. S. Walker, J. N. Kendall.

The Twentieth Question was resumed, and the character of A. C. Peters, Presiding Elder of the Kingston District, was approved, and he read his report. J. A. Baker, F. W. Henck, S. Greear, and A. B. Wright were approved as effective Elders.

The Knoxville District was called, and J. S. Petty, the Presiding Elder, read his report, his character having been approved. The effective Elders duly passed are: R. C. Robertson, T. R. West, J. A. Ruble, I. A. Pearce, P. H. Henry, R. O. Ayers, D. S. Hodsden, W. T. Senter, M. A. Rule, J. A. Nicholson, and J. M. Durham.

The Morristown District was next called, and G. W. Jarvis, the Presiding Elder, read his report, after the passage of his character. The effective Elders are: J. B. Seaton, F. G. Mellor, J. L. Cardwell, M. M. Murrell, W. Kinsland, P. H. Reed, and R. K. Royd.

F. W. Henck was granted a certificate of location at his own request.

Question Second: "Who are Admitted on Trial," was called, and John C. Hodge and David J. Nelson, recommended by the Greeneville District; Horatio B. Ogle, recommended by the Knoxville District; Winfield S. Cagle, recommended by the Kingston District; Nicholas M. Baldwin and Hiram W. McKenzie, recommended by the Morristown District, having passed the required examinations, and being duly recommended by their Presiding Elders, were admitted on trial.

The Third Question: "Who Remain on Trial?" was called, and J. L. Neely and I. H. Reneau having passed their examinations, were passed to the Second Probationary Year. J. D. Winchester and W. D. Gorman, not having passed their examinations, were continued with the class admitted on trial.

The Committee on Conference Relations submitted the following report in the case of J. W. Burnett, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Conference Relations, to whom was referred the case of J. W. Burnett, beg leave to report that complaints of a most serious character—involving gross immoral conduct—are against him. Not being present at the Conference, we refer the case to his Presiding Elder for immediate investigation.

T. C. CARTER, Chairman.

E. S. Lewis made some statements concerning examinations in the Conference courses and preparations therefor, whereupon, on motion of W. M. Haskell, E. S. Lewis, J. F. Spence, and S. Tinker were appointed to draft suitable resolutions touching this subject and report the same to this session.

J. K. P. Marshall was continued as a Deacon of the first class. Likewise, W. R. Byerly.

G. B. Cox, passing his examinations, was passed to the second class of Deacons.

W. M. Haskell moved that the reports of the Presiding Elders be printed in the minutes, if practicable. The motion prevailed.

R. J. Cooke offered a resolution, requesting each Presiding Elder to endeavor to raise, through the Pastors, a sum of money from his District, the aggregate of which shall be adequate to meet the expense of the publication of the minutes of our next annual session. The motion prevailed.

On motion of Thomas B. Russell, the following committee was appointed to raise funds for the publication of the minutes of the present session :

Chattanooga District.....	J. D. Droke
Dayton “	J. D. Winchester
Greeneville “	T. H. Hodge
Knoxville “	J. A. Ruble
Morristown “	J. L. Cardwell
Kingston “	J. N. Kendall

After announcements the Conference adjourned by limitation. Benediction by Thomas B. Russell.

THIRD DAY.

CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE, October 12th, 1888.

Conference met at the time appointed, the Bishop in the chair. The prayer-meeting was led by W. H. Rogers. The minutes were read and approved.

The following resolution was offered and adopted :

Resolved. That all Reports and Resolutions designed for publication in the minutes shall be presented in duplicates.

At the request of A. C. Peters, Mrs. W. T. Jones was placed on the list of Conference Claimants.

The Board of Stewards was increased by adding J. A. Baker, S. B. Scott, and B. Crist thereto.

The Tenth Question : “What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?” was called. Joel F. Smith and Isaac H. Reneau were duly elected.

Under the Sixteenth Question, John P. Morton was elected to Local Elders Orders.

The Fifth Question was called: "Who are Admitted into Full Connection?" Jasper N. Kendall, Alfred G. Cadle, James L. McKenzie, and Albert M. Rose were called forward and addressed by the Bishop, who asked the Disciplinary questions. Subsequently, J. N. Kendall and A. G. Cadle being duly recommended, were admitted to full connection. A. M. Rose and J. L. McKenzie retired from the Conference room without answering the question laid down in the Discipline as to the use of tobacco. This failure on their part hindered their admission in view of fidelity to the law. Hence, after warm discussions, Dr. Cooke moved that these two brethren be granted the privilege of coming before the Conference and speaking for themselves. The discussions continued. And a motion, calling for the previous question, was made by Dr. Cooke, and the call was sustained. Whereupon, A. M. Rose and J. L. McKenzie appeared before the Conference and promised to "wholly abstain from the use of tobacco." They were then admitted to the Conference. Under the Eighth Question these four brethren were elected to Deacons Orders.

M. H. Monroe and J. W. McGee were called, but they, not being present, were continued on trial.

The following visitors were introduced to the Conference: Prof. Newcomb, Rev. Dr. Savage, Rev. S. J. Harris, and J. I. Henry, of East Tennessee Conference; Rev. Mr. Henry, of the C. P. Church; D. M. Cone, Prof. Bolton, and Mrs. A. C. Knight. Mrs. Knight brought greeting from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to this Conference, and the paper was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

The special Committee on Conference Examinations reported, through S. Tinker, and the report was adopted. [See report.]

The following resolution was offered by Dr. Spence and approved:

Resolved, That hereafter no man shall be admitted to this Conference, nor admitted on trial, who is addicted to the use of tobacco.

W. H. Rogers read his reports, both as Chairman of the Committee and Treasurer of the American Bible Society, and the reports were passed and placed on file. Pending the adoption, Rev. Dr. Savage addressed the Conference concerning the work of this Society. [See reports.]

On motion of S. Tinker, 3:00 o'clock to-morrow was fixed as the time for receiving the report of the Committee on Memoirs, and the memorial service was made the order of the day for that hour.

On motion of Dr. Caldwell, I. H. Miller was left, without appointment, to attend one of our schools.

The following was presented and approved, by a unanimous rising vote:

WHEREAS, The Rev. A. J. Greer, a member of this Conference, has recently been greatly bereft in the accidental death of two of his sons, therefore

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, extend to him our most sincere sympathy and condolence, and pray God to sustain him in this mysterious providence.

On motion of W. H. Rogers, 3:00 o'clock this afternoon was made the occasion of the Sunday-school Union anniversary.

W. R. McNeese was, at his own request, discontinued.

The Secretary presented the following bill of expenses for the present year:

Drayage on Conference Trunk	\$ 50
Paper, pencils, ink, &c	50
Binding minutes of last Quadrennium	1 25
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On motion of Dr. Carter, a collection was taken to meet the same, amounting to	\$3 31
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After various announcements the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Dr. Cooke.

FOURTH DAY.

CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE, October 13th, 1888.

The Conference assembled at 8:30 A. M., Bishop FitzGerald in the chair. The prayer-meeting was led by J. S. Albright. The minutes of the previous session were approved.

On motion of Dr. Caldwell, the action of the Conference in regard to the memorial service was reversed, and that service was placed for 3:00 o'clock to-morrow afternoon—Sunday.

The Bishop announced the nominations of the Triers of Appeals, and they were confirmed. [See answer to Question Twenty-eight.]

The Bishop announced the transfer of Milton Brown from the Arkansas Conference to this Conference.

M. A. Rule read the report of the Board of Stewards. The report was recommitted for amendment.

H. H. Burk read the report of Committee on Temperance, and the report was adopted, item by item. [See report.]

The Auditing Committee reported, through T. A. Cass, and the report was adopted.

W. D. Smith, Chairman of the Tract Cause, reported. Adopted.

Dr. Caldwell, Presiding Elder of the Dayton District, read his report.

The Rev. Dr. Bayless, Editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, was introduced, and addressed the Conference on the subject of our newspaper literature in general.

Rev. Dr. Mann read the report of the Committee on Church Literature, and, after remarks by Dr. Cooke, W. C. Graves, Dr. Spence, W. H. Rogers, Dr. Carter, and S. Tinker, encouraging and urging the circulation of our Church papers, and the *Methodist Advocate*, of Chattanooga, in particular, for the surrounding territory, the report was adopted.

F. W. Henck read the Report on Sunday-schools, which was approved and placed on file.

W. C. Graves moved that when the Conference adjourn, it be to meet at 2:00 P. M. The motion prevailed.

The Report on Education was read by Dr. Cooke, which, by a previous order, was made the order of the day immediately after the reading of the journal this afternoon.

Dr. Hartzell and Dr. Sullins were introduced. Dr. Sullins invited the Conference to visit Centenary College.

After announcements the Conference adjourned. Benediction by Rev. Dr. Sullins.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at the time appointed, S. Tinker in the chair. Devotions by R. S. Sampson. Minutes approved.

The Report on Education was taken up, according to the agreement of the morning session, and for purposes of information the report of the Committee on the Freedmen's Aid and

Southern Education Society was read, after which Dr. Hartzell addressed the Conference on the subject of our educational work on the Territory represented by the report. Dr. Bayless also spoke on the same subject. After the discussions closed the report was adopted, item by item. [See Report.]

The Board of Stewards reported, through M. A. Rule, and the report was adopted.

Conference adjourned by limitation.

FIFTH DAY.

CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE, October 15th, 1888.

The Conference was called to order at the appointed time, T. S. Walker in the chair.

On motion of Dr. Mann, the report of the Committee on Memoirs was adopted, the committee being allowed to amend and edit the same for publication.

The Treasurer of the Education Society reported, and the report was adopted.

The report of the Treasurer of Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society was read and adopted. Likewise, the report on District Conference Records, and that on General Conference Expenses.

The Statistical Secretary read his report, and the same was approved. [See General Statistics.]

The Bishop and his Cabinet entered the Conference room and took their appropriate seats.

The Bishop announced the transfer of J. W. Edwards and M. H. Monroe Probationers from the Kentucky Conference to the Holston Conference. And M. H. Monroe, J. D. Winchester, and J. W. Edwards were, on motion, left without appointments to attend one of our schools.

On motion of Dr. Spence, Conference collection for Education was ordered paid to the Grant University.

The report of the Treasurer of the Conference Missionary Society was read, and, on motion, adopted. The report of the Treasurer of Church Extension Society was read and adopted. Also, the Committee on Church Extension reported, through F. G. Mellor, and the report was adopted. The report of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund was read and adopted.

J. J. Robinette presented the following, which was approved :

Resolved, That the President of the Board of Church Extension be instructed to publish the time and place of the meeting of the Board for the present year in the minutes.

On motion of W. M. Haskeli, the exhibit of the Western Book Concern was ordered filed and published in the METHODIST ADVOCATE.

G. M. Hicks was re-admitted on certificate of location.

The Bishop stated that A. R. Archibald was an ordained Elder, and that he had been appointed to mission work in Utah.

J. S. Petty read the report of the Committee on Missions, which was adopted. [See Appropriations.]

The nominations for Committees of Examination and Conference Officers were read by J. S. Petty and confirmed by the Conference.

Dr. Spence offered the following, which was approved :

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church donates annually over \$2,000 in aid of our schools within the bounds of the Holston Conference, therefore,

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders are hereby requested to give special attention to Children's Day collections, and urge all our Pastors to faithfully respond to the request of the General Board of Education.

On motion of T. B. Russell, John H. Jennings was placed on the Supernumerary list at his own request.

The Conference requested the appointment of W. R. Long as Agent for the Tract Society in Chattanooga and its surroundings. The request was granted.

On motion, the Conference proceeded to fix the place of holding the next session. Johnson City and Dayton were placed in nomination, and, after due representation, the vote was taken and resulted in the selection of Dayton. On motion of Dr. Mann, it was made unanimous.

On motion of Dr. Manker, the Presiding Elders were authorized to appoint Boards of Church Location in their respective Districts, and publish the same in the minutes.

On motion of J. S. Petty, the Presiding Elders were made a committee to act with the Secretary in the publication of the minutes. On motion of W. C. Graves, the Secretary was authorized to secure financial help from all sources according to his judgment.

On motion of J. J. Robinette, the organization of a Conference Claimants Society was ordered, the officers of which to be nomi-

nated by the Presiding Elders from the various Districts. [See list in the first part of this pamphlet.]

Various complimentary resolutions were offered and adopted by rising vote.

The Bishop's certificate of ordination was placed in the hands of the Secretary.

The business of the Conference being finished, the Bishop announced an appropriate closing hymn, after the singing of which T. S. Walker led in prayer. The motion to adjourn without a day having been made, the Bishop spoke kindly a few parting words and then read the appointments for the present year.

JAMES N. FITZGERALD,

Presiding Bishop.

THOMAS B. RUSSELL,

Secretary.

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE.

I certify that this pamphlet contains true copies of the proceedings, reports and resolutions of the twenty-fourth session of the Holston Conference.

THOMAS B. RUSSELL, *Secretary,*

Jonesboro, Tenn.

REPORTS.

EDUCATION.

REPORT NO. I.

✓ Your Committee on Education, after prayerful and serious consideration, present the following report:

We rejoice greatly that the Methodist Episcopal Church is putting forth her best energies to meet the increasing demand for Christian education while she is endeavoring to supply the spiritual needs of the people. Nowhere is this more clearly seen than in the territory of the Southern Conferences, where a large number of institutions have grown up under her fostering care, and in the action of the last General Conference in changing the name of the Freedmen's Aid Society to that of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, thereby enlarging the sphere of its efficiency in adapting it to the needs of our white

educational work. And, in view of this fact, your committee would call your attention to the absolute necessity of a more perfect adjustment of our educational work in the Holston Conference; and to that end would present the following:

WHEREAS, A joint committee, composed of representatives of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, the Chattanooga and Grant Memorial Universities, has, after careful consideration, formulated certain propositions looking to the unification of these institutions, therefore,

Resolved, (1.) That action of this committee, in inaugurating this movement, meets with our unqualified endorsement.

Resolved, (2.) That we heartily approve the movement toward the consolidation of these institutions under the name of GRANT UNIVERSITY, with one Chancellor or President, and one Board of Trustees, with such distribution of work between the schools as may be agreed upon as the wisest and best.

REPORT No. II.

WHEREAS, The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society has, from year to year, liberally aided the educational work within the bounds of this Conference; and,

WHEREAS, This Society proposes to expend during the present scholastic year the sum of \$10,000 in support of our Seminaries and Colleges, asking in return from us the small sum of \$500, therefore be it

Resolved, (1.) That we appreciate the efforts of this Society in behalf of higher education in this Southland, and that we will do our very utmost to raise the full amount assessed to this Conference.

Resolved, (2.) That this sum of \$500 be apportioned by the Presiding Elders among the several Districts, and that each Presiding Elder shall distribute his assessment among the charges of his District.

Resolved, (3.) That since this Society, with a view to the enlargement of its operations, asks that \$25,000 be collected in the Southern Conferences, and recommends that the month of August be fixed as the time when such collection shall be taken, that we indorse the plan and pledge ourselves to work in harmony with the same.

REPORT No. III.

Within the bounds of the Holston Conference and under the

immediate care of the Church there are eight institutions of learning, all of which are enjoying a good degree of prosperity, and merit special attention from this Conference and the Church at large.

I. GRANT MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY.

This institution, during the past year, has enjoyed gratifying prosperity. Its enrollment reached the large number of 301. Of this number, 61 were in college classes. According to the catalogue the Faculty consists of 18 Professors, and its endowment has reached the magnificent sum of \$100,000.

The various departments of this institution are filled by competent instructors, and generous inducements are offered to all seeking a liberal education. The School of Theology has been under the scholarly care of the Rev. J. Clarke Hagey, D. D., whose recent death is lamented by all.

The estimated value of the University buildings and grounds is \$60,000. Conditional pledges by James Dean for buildings amounting to \$25,000 more. Number of volumes in library, 3,000. To this the valuable library of Dr. J. Clarke Hagey, valued at \$3,000, has been bequeathed to establish "The Hagey Theological Library."

The Trustees offer one free scholarship to each of the seventy-three Grand Army Posts in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. We commend this institution—which has within its halls students from twenty-one States—to the favorable consideration of our people.

We recommend to the Conference that the Presiding Bishop be requested to appoint Rev. Dr. John F. Spence President of, and Rev. J. C. Wright Professor in, Grant University.

We also recommend to the Conference for election as Trustees of this University the following names: Bishop I. W. Joyce, D. D., J. Henry Smythe, Rev. T. C. Carter, D. D., James Dean, Rev. T. R. West, D. M. Cone, and Rev. J. W. Mann, D. D.

II. CHATTANOOGA UNIVERSITY.

This Institution has also enjoyed a year of fair prosperity. The new year opened under auspices which promise a bright future and great usefulness. The present term opened September 15, and its enrollment to date has reached the encouraging number of 109. This is very significant when it is remembered that this Institution has no Primary Department. Its departments of

instruction are five in number, Theology, Liberal Arts, Academic, Art, and Musical. Although this Institution is just entering upon its third year, it has already within its halls students from nine States. This is owing to its remarkable facilities and advantages. The Faculty consists of nine regular Professors, its apparatus and cabinet for the study of the physical sciences are ample, its Library is valuable, and the instruction is thorough, while the inducements to students of small means are very rare. The building is large and commodious, and is built on approved modern style. It is magnificently located upon historic ground. The property, on a reasonable estimate, is worth \$200,000. This school is highly deserving of the patronage of our people, and as such we heartily commend it.

Your committee recommend that the Presiding Bishop appoint Rev. Edward S. Lewis, D. D., President, and Rev. J. J. Manker, D. D., Professor in this Institution.

We also recommend the election of J. J. Robinette and Richard J. Cooke as Conference Trustees of the Chattanooga University.

III. KINGSLEY SEMINARY.

Kingsley Seminary is still under the same management. A little gain in enrollment was made last year over every preceding year. There were in the school more students preparing for the ministry than ever before. See the catalogue for 1887-'88. See, also, report in last year's Holston Conference Minutes.

IV. WARREN COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

This Institution is well located on the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railroad, and is having continued prosperity. Prof. J. M. Williams and Prof. E. A. Long, Miss Mary Luter and Miss Kate M. Roddy, compose the Faculty. The passed year had an unusually large attendance, with an equally good opening this year.

V. MOUNTAIN CITY SEMINARY.

From different sources the information comes to your committee that the Trustees of Mountain City Academy desire the Holston Conference to accept, for any term of years from ten to fifty, their school building free, and man it with competent teachers and run the same as a Conference school. We therefore recommend—in view of the fact that we need such a school at that place—that this proposition be accepted, and that the Pre-

siding Elder of the Greeneville District, Rev. T. S. Walker, and Prof. Joseph H. Ketron, be appointed to make all necessary arrangements for the perfecting of said plan.

VI. OAKLAND SEMINARY.

This school is located at Laurel Gap, Tenn. It has a splendid building, well situated. There are about fifteen dormitories, where students may board themselves. This Institution is prosperous, and promises great usefulness. Prof. J. M. Bailey and other competent teachers are in charge.

VII. POWELL'S VALLEY SEMINARY.

This Seminary is enjoying unusual prosperity. The enrollment is larger than in any previous year at the same date. This Institution occupies the center of a large patronizing territory. Its facilities and buildings are first class for an academical training. Prof. J. Wiley P. Massey, a graduate of Grant Memorial University, is the Principal. He has good assistants; and the work of educating the youths of that section is thoroughly done. We most heartily commend this school to our Church and the friends of a liberal education, within the bounds of the Morristown District.

VIII. PARROTTSVILLE SEMINARY.

This Institution is located in Cocke County, not very far from the North Carolina line. The enrollment the past year was 101. Rev. P. H. Wagner and two assistants are now conducting this school, with a good degree of prosperity. The building and grounds are valuable and well suited for academic purposes. The patronizing territory is quite extensive, and the demand for this Seminary is imperative. We recommend this young and growing school to our Church and friends in Cocke and adjoining counties.

IX. HOLSTON SEMINARY.

With pleasure we note the efforts being made to resuscitate the Holston Seminary, formerly Holston College, at New Market, Tenn. This Institution, the only Church school within the Knoxville District, is worthy of especial attention. Reopening under unfavorable circumstances, its success this year is remarkable, having already enrolled more than 60 students. It

is under the principalship of M. G. Rambo, B. S., a recent graduate of G. M. U., who is assisted by Miss Lillie Franklin.

Resolved, That we recommend all these Seminaries to the patronage and prayerful sympathy of all our people.

R. J. COOKE, *Chairman*.

J. A. RUBLE, *Secretary*.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 13, 1888.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

In order the more fully to express the work of the Society among both colored and white people in the South, the last General Conference directed that the corporate name of this Society should be so modified as to read: "Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society." This modification of name has been legally effected.

No words can adequately express the far-reaching and glorious results already achieved and yet to follow the work of this Society. In twenty-one years it has expended in the work of Christian education in the South \$2,094,099.46. The present value of the property owned by the Society in the South is fully \$1,000,000. More than one hundred thousand students have been in the various schools. A reasonable estimate gives at least one million of youth and adults in the South who have come under the influence of the teachers and preachers going forth from these schools. Fifteen institutions, with eighty teachers and 1,945 students among the whites, have received aid during the past year. Among these institutions aided, are the following in our own Holston Conference: Chattanooga University, Grant Memorial University, Bloomingdale Seminary, Warren Collegiate Institute, Powell's Valley Seminary, and others.

At the close of the war, the Methodist Episcopal Church, through the agency of the Freedmen's Aid Society, assumed a full share of the work of educating and elevating the colored race in the South. Grandly is she doing the work, and in the past year twenty-two institutions, with one hundred and twenty-four teachers and 4,506 students, have been maintained among them.

The statistics concerning the illiteracy of the South are startling, appalling; the demand for more general education, through institutions of Christian learning, is imperative. and the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society is the only channel through which the needed help for our white work can

come; yet this year this Society asking but \$500 received \$77.00, and out of 78 charges 60 took no collection for this cause in the bounds of the Holston Conference.

In view of the manifest importance of this work—

1. *Resolved*, That we accept cordially the apportionment of \$500 to be raised the coming year by this Conference, and also that as a Conference we join heartily in helping to raise \$25,000 in the whole South.

2. That the Presiding Elders distribute the apportionments to the charges, and that the pastors be urged to raise their several amounts.

3. That each pastor be urged to see to it that this cause is presented to his people as its merits justify and the Discipline directs, and that the month of August be designated as the time for taking this collection.

As helps in this work, the Society publishes—

I. Annual Reports. II. Tracts by different authors bearing upon the work. III. Illiteracy Chart. IV. Building Chart. V. Subscription cards and an appropriate Sunday Science, all of which are sent upon application to the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. C. Hartzell, 190 West 4th street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

E. S. LEWIS, *Chairman*.

F. G. MELLOR, *Secretary*.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

WHEREAS, The Church Extension Society of the M. E. Church is a part of the general Missionary work of our Church, and is in spirit in accord with the command of the Master who said “go”; and,

WHEREAS, The marvelous success of the Society argues that not only has the blessing of God rested upon it, but also His wisdom has been manifest and His hand operative in its accomplishments, and,

WHEREAS, The territory of the Holston Conference is blessed and adorned with seventy churches which could not have been erected but for the timely assistance of this Society in the donation of \$19,050.00 and loan of \$28,200.00, and,

WHEREAS, These munificent sums represent but a fraction of what the Church Extension Society is anxious to do for us, we having raised but 35% of what the Society deemed to be its claims

upon us, many of our charges taking no collections and all of them being small, therefore be it

Resolved, That every Pastor in the Holston Conference be earnestly requested and is hereby instructed to make a full and careful presentation of the claims of the Board of Church Extension in every congregation under his charge, and endeavor to secure the full amount of the assessment for this cause upon his charge.

Resolved, That the Conference Board of Church Extension be and is hereby instructed to make their recommendations for aid to the Parent Board, on the basis of the Church Extension collection of the various Districts, giving to each District the benefit of its own collection upon a *pro rata* basis.

A. B. RIKER, *Chairman*.

F. G. MELLOR, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

The good accomplished through the religious press is not surpassed by any other agency under the control of the Church. Prefixing the word "Church" to the word "Literature" restricts the meaning to one class of literature, namely, the religious. This term may also apply to the current literature published under the patronage of the Church. Of this class your committee is to treat. Let us, therefore, consider the *aims*, the *benefits* and the *circulation* of Church literature—ours in particular.

The first aim of Church literature is to inform the mind as to the doctrines, economy, spiritual condition, missions, progress, strength and general history of the Church. While the secular press assumes part of the duty of an educator in these things, it is specially the mission of Church literature to advance the great cause of Christianity by the information which it imparts.

Another aim of Church literature is to arm the pulpit with increased and adequate power in the sublime work of educating the public conscience on the momentous issues of the day—the aggressions of Romanism, the Mormon problem, the Prohibition movement, Sabbath desecration and all the frightful array of evils with which every interest dear to humanity is confronted. Ignorance of these things, on the part of the pulpit, is unpardonable and will bring to it alarming weakness and dismal defeat. When the ministry is given to diligent study of statistics, discussions, appeals, personal experiences and the entire summary of Church literature the pulpit is a throne of power for good.

Who can estimate the *benefits* of Church literature? It clothes the minister with power, swells his congregation, increases his financial support, gladdens the homes, purifies the hearts and informs the minds of his people. Wherever our publications are taken, and assiduously read, every interest of the Church is properly considered and every element of her power strengthened. Crime is lessened, virtue promoted, cleanliness observed, and every feature of society improved.

Now, seeing as we do the exalted aims and untold benefits of Church literature, by what human methods can we most successfully enlarge its circulation? We unhesitatingly answer, through the ministry. Not only the books, but the tracts and papers of the Church gain an introduction to the people through the untiring efforts of the Pastors. They are the authorized agents and are *required* to be diligent in their work.

As a rule, we should discourage the circulation, in our homes and Sunday-schools, of all literature except our own. Believing it to be the best, we should urge the people to buy, pay for and read it. Most astonishing results would be witnessed and realized if Pastors, in person, and through elect women, and other active agents, would put forth their very best endeavors for the diffusion of our books and periodicals. First attention should be given to the circulation of our Sunday-school and tract literature. Every Pastor should know that all whom he serves are well supplied with these religious helps. Myriads of souls have been led to Christ, into golden fields of usefulness and ultimately into the heavenly glory through the contents of a brief tract or a religious story in a Sunday-school paper.

Our church papers and periodicals have various limits as to circulation. The great official of New York—the Christian Advocate—has almost no geographical limitations. It keeps pace with the marvelous advance of the Church and is extending to every clime and under every sky. Others of our papers, serving interests of supreme importance, are more limited and local in their circulation. These all merit, and should receive, the largest possible patronage; but as the METHODIST ADVOCATE is published in the interest of the local demands of this immediate section of our Church domain and was by the last General Conference restored to its official relation, and the Rev. Thomas C. Carter, D. D., elected to its editorial tripod and management, we feel bound to

put forth our earliest and best endeavors for its circulation and enlarged usefulness.

J. W. MANN, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

For more than a century the Sunday-school in modern form has existed, as a Bible training-school for the Church. While it has never sought to confine its operations exclusively to the training of the children, yet through its instrumentality hundreds of thousands of bright boys and girls have been brought into the Church and saved for God and humanity. We rejoice that everywhere throughout our field, in compliance with resolutions passed in former years at conferences, the efficiency of the schools already organized has been increased; new schools have been organized in neglected districts and many, if not all, are now being supplied with our own literature. We now feel that the time has come when we should make a stronger plea than ever before for increased effort to make the Sabbath-schools not only promotive of social enjoyment, or even intellectual training on Bible themes, but effective in accomplishing the immediate salvation of all our children and young people. Therefore,

Resolved. That as Pastors we recommend to all our schools the election and appointment of none but spiritual persons for officers and teachers, where it is at all possible.

2. That we heartily encourage the use of the Holy Bible by every officer, teacher and scholar in the school.

3. That we strongly discountenance the use of any and all literature, whether in the form of lesson helps or library books, but such as are sound in doctrine and helpful to a spiritual life.

4. That we as strongly discountenance any and all measures to socially entertain the young people or raise money to procure supplies that are of questionable moral tendency or in any manner decrease the spiritual life and power of our schools.

5. That a fifteen-minute or half-hour prayer-meeting be held, whenever practicable, either before or after the session of the school, where all the officers, teachers and scholars may have opportunity to seek the immediate salvation of their souls.

F. W. HENCK, *Chairman.*

BIBLE CAUSE.

Your committee need not urge upon the members of this Conference the importance of the Bible Cause, nor the magnitude of

its work. But we do feel that something ought to be said that will deepen the convictions of duty to take collections. We submit the question: "Is it the truth we tell" when we have no report for this cause? A blank virtually says, "My charge would not give anything." If you asked for a collection at every appointment and the people refused, then a blank is the truth; but if you did not ask for a collection, a blank is a misrepresentation of the people. Your committee is informed that it is the desire of the Parent Board to prosecute its work by a system of thoroughly organized auxiliaries. We therefore earnestly recommend that the preachers take an active part in the perpetuation of Auxiliaries where they exist, and in organizing them where there are none. Also, we urge that the cause be presented to all our societies, giving every lover of the Bible an opportunity to contribute.

S. G. KETRON, *Chairman.*

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance beg leave to present the following: The monstrous evil of intemperance continues to blast this fair land—socially, religiously, and intellectually. We, therefore, echoing the voice of our Church as expressed by the General Conference in its session in May, 1888, on Temperance and Legal Prohibition—

Resolved, (1.) That we are unalterably opposed to the enactment of laws that propose by license, taxing, or otherwise to regulate the drink traffic, because they provide for its continuance, and afford no protection against its ravages. We hold that the proper attitude of Christians toward this traffic is one of uncompromising opposition, and, while we do not presume to dictate to our people as to their political affiliations we do express the opinion that they should not permit themselves to be controlled by party organizations that are managed in the interest of the liquor traffic. We advise the members of our Church to aid in the enforcement of such laws as do not legalize or endorse the manufacture and sale of intoxicants to be used as beverages, and to this end we favor the organizations of Law and Order Leagues wherever practicable.

Resolved, (2.) That we proclaim as our motto "*voluntary total abstinence from all intoxicants*" as the true ground of personal tem-

perance, and complete legal prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating drinks as the duty of civil government.'

Resolved, (3.) That if the legalizing of the traffic is sin (as declared by the highest authority of the Church) we do not see how any voter can give his suffrage to any political party that proposes to legalize it without becoming a party to that sin.

Resolved, (4.) That while we do not believe that any Christian should take his politics into his religion, we do believe every Christian should take his religion into his politics, and we so advise our preachers to so instruct our people both in private and in public.

Resolved, (5.) That for the good of our young people this Conference memorialize the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, at its next regular session, to enact a law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to boys under 16 years of age.

Resolved, (6.) That we are in sympathy with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and pledge them our hearty co-operation in their great work in the moral elevation of both sexes of our race.

H. H. BURK, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE EXAMINATIONS.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of a higher standard of ministerial culture, submit the following:

1. We believe that a divine call to the ministry embraces a divine, imperative call to prepare for the work, by the highest possible mental and literary culture: and that there is no end or heighth that we can reach where we may cease to develop. Hence, it is the indispensable duty of every minister to be a constant student.
2. That it is the sense of this Conference that the First name of the Committee of Examinations be the Chairman.
3. That the Chairman of each committee shall, in the first three months of the year, divide the work and assign to each member of the committee a part of the work and notify them of their work.
4. That the day before the opening of the Conference session shall be the time for examinations.
5. That each member of the committee be required to read the books on which he is to examine the class.
6. That each examination shall be based upon the books and not the general knowledge that the candidate may have of the subject. That a failure of any candidate for

admission on trial, or any member of the First, Second, Third, or Fourth year to meet the committee at the time appointed, shall forfeit their standing unless excused by the Conference. 7. That the Bishop be requested to ask the Committee of Examination, when they report, the question, "Has the committee read the books on which it has examined?" 8. That the Presiding Elders be directed to use all their influence with their preachers in favor of a faithful preparation for their Conference examinations. 9. That definite appointments be made by the Chairman of each committee, and published in the METHODIST ADVOCATE at least three weeks before the Conference session.

E. S. LEWIS, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Athens District.....	\$150
Cleveland.....	50
Ducktown.....	80
North Athens.....	40
Madisonville.....	20
Ooltewah.....	50
Sweetwater and Philadelphia.....	10
Tellico.....	50

Total..... \$450

Chattanooga District.....	\$150
Brayton.....	50
Cameron and St. Elmo.....	60
Chattanooga Circuit.....	195
Dayton ...	115
Mission Ridge.....	150
Montgomery Avenue.....	100
Hill City.....	75
Pikeville.....	40
South Pittsburg.....	100
Spring City..	75
Tracy City.....	100
Tracy City Circuit.....	40

Total..... \$1,250

Greeneville District.....	\$140
Elizabethton and Roan Mountain.....	80
Ervin.....	40
Greeneville.....	80
Johnson City.....	80
Watauga ..	45
Total.....	<u>\$465</u>

Kingston District.....	\$200
Andersonville	40
Clinton and Coal Creek	150
Crossville.....	55
Emory Gap ..	55
Genesee	5
Jamestown	50
Kingston....	60
Mount Vernon.....	50
Newcomb and Jellico.....	50
New River.....	40
Oliver Springs ...	60
Rockwood	50
Scarborough ..	50
Sunbright	70
Total ...	<u>\$985</u>

Knoxville District—

Emert Cove.	\$ 70
Knoxville—Asylum Street.....	280
North Knoxville.....	100
Total.....	<u>\$450</u>

Morristown District.....	\$200
Burem	10
Maynardville.....	40
Morristown and Clifton	150
Morristown Circuit.....	50
Newport.....	45
Parrottsville	40
Rogersville	150
Rutledge	25

Sneedville	55
Speedwell.....	35
Tazewell.....	50
Whitesburg.....	50

Total..... \$900

Grand total.....\$4,500

JOHN S. PETTY, *Chairman.*

J. J. ROBINETTE, *Secretary.*

I concur.

J. N. FITZGERALD.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

(See Discipline of 1888, ¶ 76.)

The following amounts have come into the hands of the Treasurer, for which he holds receipts from Cranston & Stowe, Dr. Hartzell, and Dr. Spence:

For Missions.....	\$1,524 35
“ Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.....	40 00
“ Tracts	25 35
“ Education.	90 00
“ Church Extension.....	224 00
“ Children's Day.....	17 70
“ Freedmen's Aid Society.....	74 00
“ Episcopal Fund.....	86 00

T. S. WALKER, *Conference Treasurer.*

STEWARD'S REPORT.

Total amount on hand, \$525.00. Disbursed as follows:

To Mrs. W. T. Jones....	\$ 50 00	paid to	T. H. Russell.
“ “ Cobleigh.....	50 00	“ “	Dr. Spence.
“ “ Hughes	50 00	“ “	J. H. Amis.
“ “ Guthrie	20 00	“ “	J. Swiney.
“ “ Forester.....	21 00	“ “	J. A. Baker.
“ “ Morrison	20 00	“ “	_____
“ “ Duggan	20 00	“ “	J. F. M. Duggan.
“ “ Murphy.....	13 00	“ “	_____
“ “ Milburn.....	13 00	“ “	T. S. Walker.
“ “ Still.	13 00	“ “	_____
“ “ Henry.....	16 00	“ “	P. H. Henry.
“ “ Ballenger	13 00	“ “	_____
“ “ Carter.....	13 00	“ “	W. T. Senter

To Rev. D. B. Lawton	50 00	paid to	J. J. Manker.
" " W. C. Graves	40 00	" "	himself.
" " A. J. Greer	40 00	" "	J. L. McKenzie.
" " E. B. Clark	40 00	" "	himself
" " W. M. Haskell	20 00	" "	"
" " W. H. Rogers	13 00	" "	"
" " S. W. Hyden	10 00	" "	J. A. Ruble.
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Total Disbursed	\$525 00		

M. A. RULE, *Chairman.*

GENERAL CONFERENCE EXPENSES.

Chattanooga District	\$15 00
Knoxville "	15 00
Greeneville "	15 00
Morristown "	11 00
Kingston "	9 00
Dayton "	8 00

The apportionment for each District shall be assessed to the charges of said District by the Presiding Elder, with instruction that the amount be collected and forwarded to Phillips & Hunt during the month of November.

J. A. RUBLE, *Chairman.*

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that at Cleveland, Tennessee, on the Fourteenth day of October, 1888, Jasper N. Kendall, Alfred G. Cadle, James L. McKenzie, Albert M. Rose, Joel F. Smith, and Isaac H. Reneau were ordained Deacons, and at the same place, on this same day, John P. Morton was ordained an Elder.

JAMES N. FITZGERALD.

AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined all the accounts of the Presiding Elders, and find the money received by them has been properly expended as the Discipline provides, there being only \$40 unexpended, which the Presiding Elder of Dayton District says he will return to the Parent Missionary Board.

T. A. CASS, *Chairman.*

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

We have carefully examined these records, so far as they have been handed in. The records of the Dayton, Greeneville.

Kingston, Morristown, and Chattanooga Districts have been well recorded by their respective Secretaries.

W. R. LONG, *Chairman*.

MEMOIRS.

REV. LEMUEL BOGART, eldest son of Daniel and Sarah Bogart, was born in Carter County, Tennessee, April 29, 1808, and died, in great peace, at his home in Sevier County, Tennessee, May 3, 1888—in his eighty-first year. He had a fair education, and in youth was a farmer and school teacher. On the 23rd of January, 1833, he was married, by Rev. James King, to Miss Hannah Saylor, with whom he lived in loving harmony fifty-one years. His mother was a Methodist, and he gave his name to Rev. James Cumings as an applicant for membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church in September, 1833, at Brush Creek Camp Ground, Washington County, Tennessee, where part of Johnson City now stands. Soon after this he was converted in his barn, four miles from Jonesboro, Tennessee. After his conversion he became an active worker in the Church, and was most effective as Steward, class-leader and exhorter.

He was licensed to preach by a Quarterly Conference held in Sevierville, Tennessee, and presided over by Rev. Thos. K. Munsey, July 17, 1858. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop D. W. Clark at Knoxville, Tennessee, May 3, 1866, and ordained Elder October 20, 1870. For fifteen years he was a traveling preacher, and served important pastoral charges, during these years, in the Holston Annual Conference of the M. E. Church. He was a prompt, faithful, systematic and effective worker in every department of Christian endeavor to which he was called.

He continued in the active itinerancy till failing health compelled him to retire upon the superannuated list. For several years he was severely afflicted, but he was always patient and resigned. He was revered by his children and esteemed very highly in love by all who knew him, for his work's sake and for his admirable traits of character. His most estimable and affectionate wife went to the heavenly home about two years in

advance of him. The deep grief caused by her departure almost broke his heart. The separation was touching beyond description; but they have met again, to part never more. Eight children were given to call them blessed. May they compose an unbroken family in the bright forever.

“Servant of God, well done!

Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last.”

J. W. MANN.

NOTE.—The memoir of the Rev. William T. Jones was not placed in the hands of the Secretaries. An effort to procure it through the mails was made, but did not succeed.—*Editor.*

RESOLUTIONS.

BISHOP FITZGERALD.

Resolved, That we have been delighted and edified by the able and kindly presidency and administration, and by the public addresses of Bishop James N. FitzGerald, to whom we tender our grateful acknowledgments, and upon whom we pray the Divine blessing.

THANKS TO THE REV. J. J. ROBINETTE AND REV. DR. COOKE.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby extended to the Rev. J. J. Robinette and the Rev. R. J. Cooke, for the very pleasant and satisfactory arrangements made for our comfortable entertainment during our present session.

CITIZENS OF CLEVELAND.

Resolved, That we do most sincerely thank the citizens of Cleveland for the Christian kindness with which they have received and entertained this Conference.

MRS. WILLIS INGLE.

WHEREAS, The Abingdon District, of which Rev. W. Ingle was

Presiding Elder at the time of his death, is now and for many years has been included in the territory of the Virginia Conference; and,

WHEREAS, Sister Ingle resides within the bounds of the aforesaid District and Conference—

Therefore, It is the judgment of this Conference that Mrs. Ingle is not justly a claimant upon the funds of the Holston Conference.

PUBLICATION FUNDS.

Resolved, That the amount necessary to the publication of the minutes of our next annual session be divided among the Presiding Elders, to be apportioned by them among the charges of the Districts.

REPORTS OF THE PRESIDING ELDERS

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

J. J. ROBINETTE, P. E.

The Chattanooga District is the largest in the Conference in the number of its appointments and one of the largest in territory. It embraces more or less of ten counties and extends from Kingston on the north to Georgia and North Carolina on the south; and from Chattanooga on the west to Philadelphia, Tenn., on the east, and contains about 3,000 square miles. The district is composed of fifteen pastoral charges. Six of these are stations and nine are circuits. In making a round on the district it is necessary to travel about 450 miles and more than half of this distance must be gone over by private conveyance.

The various charges in the District have been in good hands this year. Of the fifteen Pastors, ten are members of the Conference, one is a probationer and four are supplies. In the good providence of God the brethren have had good health, with one exception. Brother Swiney, of the Ooltewah Circuit, was in the early part of the year hindered in his work by personal affliction.

The spiritual condition of the Church in our bounds is good. The great Head of the Church has blessed our labors, in many instances, with larger results than we had expected, the answers seeming to have exceeded our faith. Our congregations have been exceptionally good. The call of the preachers to preach

has been verified by the numbers who have waited upon the ministrations of the sanctuary. Class meetings are held regularly in many of the charges; family altars are maintained and an increased activity in the temporal affairs of the Church are some of the indications of the spiritual status of our people.

The temporal features of our Church work has received special attention during the year. A special effort has been put forth to develop a higher sense of duty in our membership and bring the people up to the plane of their responsibility as respects this department of our work. The result has been a reasonable degree of success. Our people are loyal to the Church—they love her doctrines and polity and they possess the ability to make a creditable showing in the matters of ministerial support and the benevolences; but faithful, efficient and constant work, on the part of Pastors and official boards, is necessary to the realization of the best results. Our Pastors have been at work this year and their reports will show a healthy advance in these interests over former years.

Throughout the Circuits and in some of the Stations better houses of worship is one of our great necessities—one which seriously interferes with the successful prosecution of our work in many important respects. On this account many of our Sunday-schools can be continued—with any measure of success—only during the summer months, when nature comes to our relief and, with warm sun light and a balmly atmosphere, supplies many of the defects in our places of worship. But our people are coming to see more and more the importance of *continuous* effort in our Church work, and we are now in the midst of what might be termed a “revival in church building.” Five churches have been completed and dedicated in the district this year and another has been completed and is being used which has not been formally dedicated.

One of these, known as the Mission Ridge Church, is located in one of the most desirable suburbs of the city of Chattanooga, and was dedicated by Dr. A. B. Riker in May. All the indebtedness was provided for. The house is a neat frame structure with a seating capacity of about 350 and worth, with grounds, about \$3,000. The pastor, Rev. J. B. Jacobs, deserves much credit for pushing this enterprise to completion. Two of the others are on the Decatur Circuit—one at Pleasant Hill the other at Forest Grove. These houses are constructed in accordance with plans

and specifications obtained from the Board of Church Extension. They are convenient, substantial, neat country churches, and are free from all indebtedness. The Pleasant Hill Church is worth \$1,000, and is said to be the best church building in Meigs county; the other is not quite so large and is worth \$800. The new church at Fenders, on the Blue Spring Circuit, has been built this year. This house was dedicated by Dr. Carter on the fourth Sunday in September and is worth about \$600. The last of the five is the Zion Hill Church, on the Cleveland Circuit. This house was dedicated on the fifth Sabbath in September free from all indebtedness. This is a splendid country church worth \$800.

These churches were all aided by donations from the Board of Church Extension.

The Church at Ducktown has been repaired at a cost of \$250, and the Mt. Zion Church, on the Chatata Circuit, at a cost of \$100.

Twelve thousand dollars of the indebtedness on our church property in Chattanooga has been provided for during the year. This is due to the wise management and untiring energy of the pastor, Dr. Riker, and his official board. So that more than \$14,000 have been raised and applied in building and paying indebtedness within the bounds of the District this year.

We have in course of erection three houses of worship—one at East View, on the Chatata Circuit; one at Baker's Chapel, on the Athens Circuit; and one in South Chattanooga, located on the Rossville Avenue. At the latter place we have a most elegant lot and subscriptions amounting to \$1,000. Here we have a growing membership and a magnificent opportunity to build up a strong society, if we can succeed in the near future in building a suitable house of worship.

We have in contemplation the erection of a church in North Athens, to cost when completed from \$6,000 to \$8,000. The Athens Mining and Manufacturing Company has made us a proposition very liberal in its terms, and the material growth and development of the community, as well as the interests of our Zion, make it our imperative duty to accept. The proposition is a title in *fee simple* to suitable lots of land—when a sufficiency of funds have been secured to insure the erection of the house—and a donation of \$1,600 in cash, or *one-fifth* of the cost of the house. We have here a flourishing Sunday-school under the supervision of Brother John P. Morton, a student in the theological department of Grant University.

Our Church literature is not appreciated by the people as it deserves, but there is a growing sentiment in its favor, and we hope to see the time, in the not distant future, when at least one of the official papers of the Church will find its way into the home of every Methodist family.

Our educational institutions in the district are doing good work. Grant Memorial University, at Athens, is more prosperous, we are told, than ever before. This institution has recently sustained a great, an almost irreparable, loss in the death of its Dean of Theology, the Rev. James Clarke Hagey, D. D., of the Baltimore Conference. The report submitted by the President, Dr. Spence, in accordance with the Disciplinary requirement, is as follows: 1. Name of institution, Grant Memorial University. 2. Grade, University. 3. Location, Athens, Tenn. 4. Name and title of president, John F. Spence, D. D. 5. When founded, 1867. 6. Number of instructors, 16. 7. Whole number of students, 301. 8. Number of graduates, 16. 9. Number of graduates in the ministry, 2. 10. Honorary degrees conferred: (a) A. M., 2. (b) D. D., 7. (c) L. L. D., 2. 11. Value of grounds, buildings and furniture, \$60,000. 12. Endowment—by bequests, scholarships, professorships and lands, about \$100,000. 13. Volumes in libraries, over 4,000. 14. Value of apparatus, \$3,500. 15. Number of specimens in cabinet, 500. 16. Income from tuition, \$2,500. 17. Income from other sources, \$4,000. 18. Indebtedness, nothing. 19. Patronizing conferences, our six white conferences. 20. Time of commencement, last week in May.

Chattanooga University is succeeding in a manner very gratifying to its friends. In response to my request, President Lewis furnished the following report: 1. Name of institution, Chattanooga University. 2. Grade, collegiate, academic, theological, art and musical. 3. Location, Chattanooga, Tenn. 4. Name and title of president, Rev. Edward S. Lewis, D. D. 5. When founded, 1886. 6. Number of instructors, 9. 7. Whole number of students, 102. (a) collegiate, 16; (b) preparatory, 41; (c) academic, 84. 8. Number of graduates, 4. 9. Number of graduates in the ministry, —. 10. Honorary degrees conferred: (a) A. M., —. (b) D. D., 1. (c) L. L. D., —. 11. Value of grounds, buildings and furniture, \$200,000. 12. Endowment, —. 13. Volumes in libraries, 1,113. 14. Value of apparatus, \$645. 15. Number of specimens in cabinet, 600. 16. Income from tuition, \$1,200. 17. Income from other sources, \$11,000. 18. Indebtedness, nothing.

19. Patronizing conferences—Holston, Central Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Blue Ridge and Virginia. 20. Time of commencement, May 28 to June 6, 1888.

In stating the amounts of the missionary and church extension collections and the number of conversions and accessions on the various charges, I wish to also give the amounts raised for missions and Church extension last year.

	LAST YEAR.		THIS YEAR.		INCREASE.		THIS YEAR.	
	Miss.	Ch. Ex.	Miss.	Ch. Ex.	Miss.	Ch. Ex.	Con.	Acces.
Athens, J. W. Mann, pastor.....	\$36	\$2	\$70	\$ 5	\$34	\$ 3	\$10	\$61
Athens Circuit, T. H. Russell, pastor.	5	.....	20	3	15	3	70	35
Blue Spring, H. H. Burk, pastor.....	3	1	15	5	12	4	27	30
Chatata, W. C. Miller, pastor.....	31	2	50	15	19	7	74	95
Cleveland, R. J. Cooke, pastor.....	25	5	80	27	55	22	36	34
Cleveland Circuit, J. F. Perry, pastor	40	5	60	5	20	.....	40	45
Chattanooga: First Ch., A. B. Riker, pastor.	175	30	260	40	85	10	50	60
Tabernacle, J. D. Droke, pastor.....	10	5	21	.....	11	.....	3	23
Mission Ridge, J. B. Jacobs, pastor...	11	.....	15	.....	4	.....	2	13
St. Elmo and Cameron, J. S. Albright, pastor.	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	29
Decatur, J. L. Neely, pastor.....	7	4	25	8	18	4	45	25
Ducktown, W. D. Smith, pastor.....	1	.....	4	1	3	1	.....	.....
Madisonville, G. M. Stone, pastor.....	4	5	5	2	1	.....	22	13
Ooltewah, John Swiney, pastor.....	10	5	15	7	5	2	.....	.....
Tellico, J. N. H. Miller, pastor.....	.....	.....	3½	.....	3½	.....	42	23
Total.....	\$368	\$70	\$643½	\$118	\$285½	\$56	\$446	486

Thus it will be seen that we have made, in the benevolences, a handsome advance over last year, and that, too, in the face of the fact that more money has been expended in church building than in any previous year. As we conceive, the great and pressing duty of the hour is the development of a higher sense of duty among our people touching this department of our work. This thought is slowly burning its way into the hearts and consciences of the people; the results are beginning to appear, and if we prove faithful to our high and holy trust, the future will bring larger blessings. To God be all the glory and praise!

DAYTON DISTRICT.

L. B. CALDWELL, P. E.

The Dayton District includes seven counties—Rhea, Hamilton, Cumberland, Bledsoe, Marion, Sequachie and Grundy—which until the past year formed a part of Kingston District.

The charges which now compose Dayton District until recently were included in five or six Circuits. The opening of the Cincin-

nati Southern Railroad has built up a number of towns in Rhea and Hamilton counties which demanded the formation of several new charges. Still, several of these charges are in a formative condition. Consequently, the past two years have been and very likely the coming year or two will really be a struggle for existence. On each of the newly formed charges our people are building expensive churches. Beginning at Spring City on the north this District follows the Cincinnati Southern Railroad south to the Tennessee River at Chattanooga. Following the Nashville and St. Louis Railroad west of Chattanooga, it lies along a branch of this railroad which runs up the Sequachie Valley. Following this main line to Cowan, it lies along another branch of this road running on to the Cumberland Mountain, to Sewanee, Monteagle and Tracy City.

Perhaps no District in the Conference has anything like as good railroad facilities as has Dayton District. There is but one Circuit which lies more than five miles from the railroad, and this one will be cut from end to end by a railroad within eighteen months. This is a District of railroad advantages.

Tracy City lies on the top of the Cumberland Mountains. Claims 4,000 population. Is emphatically a coal and coke producing town, and, like every other mining town in this District, is passing a crucial financial test this year. Rev. T. A. Cass has had charge the past year, doing faithful work which has resulted well. Though our people are poor, they are struggling grandly to build a house in which to work. Within the past few weeks they have put up and enclosed what will be, when completed, a beautiful church. With this done, we may look for good reports from Tracy City. This city has been most wonderfully moved within the past two months, religiously, from which our Church has gathered largely.

Tracy Circuit lies around the city, and extends to the valley east and west. Because of the impracticability of supplying this charge, it has had but little pastoral care for years. Very recently I employed V. A. Faigaux, a Local Preacher of Tracy City, to look after the people on this charge. He has been able to do but little. But this field has some promise and a good future, if it can be supplied with faithful pastors. If not, we may as well vacate this region.

South Pittsburgh lies at the foot of Sequachie Valley. We came to this field too late by four years. In our absence the

sister Churches have gathered very largely of sheaves which should have come to our garner. Rev. J. W. McGee has had charge, and has labored under great difficulties, having at times no place in which to hold services. Our people have purchased a very desirable lot, and are erecting a commodious church thereon. When this is completed, the Methodist Episcopal Church will gather largely in this field. This is a manufacturing town, and, in the unsettled condition of the political outlook, is greatly depressed. Brother McGee reports fifty-eight conversions.

Jasper Circuit lies farther up the valley. This is a good circuit, but at the last Conference was left to be supplied. After some delay I secured the services of Rev. W. R. Long. Brother Long has done grand work for a man carrying his years—but has labored through the entire year under great difficulty, from personal and family afflictions, yet the work done will show when Brother Long is enjoying his reward in the better land. I presume that Brother Long's list of subscribers to the METHODIST ADVOCATE is the banner list of Holston Conference. The Sunday-school interest on this charge is well cared for, and he reports forty-seven conversions. But the railroad now being built through this charge opens up new appointments, and must have vigorous care.

Pikeville Circuit lies midway in Sequachie Valley. At the last Annual Conference was left to be supplied. After considerable delay I succeeded in securing the services of Rev. J. J. Kirchbaum, a Local Preacher. He reports nearly one hundred conversions on this charge and a large accession to the Church. But little financially has been done on this charge. A new church is in process of construction on one appointment. When the railroad now building is completed through this Circuit new life, financially and otherwise, will come to this people.

Crossville Circuit lies in the head of this valley and on the Cumberland Mountains. Under the efficient pastoral care of Rev. S. B. Scott, who has just completed his second year on this charge, it has enjoyed perhaps the best year of its existence.

A consciousness of solidity is coming to this Society. The completion of a good parsonage is evidence of a wish for a living Pastor. A good lot and quite a large subscription has been secured in Crossville for the purpose of erecting a Methodist Episcopal church. This building is very much needed.

Walden's Ridge Circuit lies on the top of the mountain from which it takes its name. As yet this Circuit is in a formative condition. Its membership is quite largely composed of people from the North, whose ability to make a living upon this mountain is as yet a question. Our native members sustain themselves with much greater certainty upon these plateaus than do persons from the North.

Rev. J. S. Evans, the blind preacher, has done effective work on this charge during the past year.

Spring City Circuit lies on the Cincinnati Southern Railroad, about fifty miles north of Chattanooga. This is a new but very promising charge. In the town our people are now completing a most beautiful church. It will soon be ready for dedication. This property is valued at \$2,500, and is free from debt. Within two years this charge may be depended upon to respond largely to the benevolent collections of the Church, and to care for their Pastor.

Rev. I. H. Miller has had charge. He has not lived on the charge, but has attended school at Athens. But, though afflicted in his family, and at a distance from his Circuit, has done a good work which will tell for all time.

Graysville Circuit lies along the railroad south toward Chattanooga. This Circuit has been under the pastoral care of Rev. D. Richardson. It is one of the best in the District. It includes three small towns, besides a part of Dayton; is a Circuit of great promise. Brother Richardson reports 130 conversions on the charge this year, and large accessions to the Church.

Dayton Station includes what is known as North Dayton. Rev. M. H. Monroe, a student from Athens, has been in charge. Here our people are struggling with a magnificent church enterprise. I have always thought they undertook too much. The building is a large brick structure, including both an audience and Sunday-school room. It is nearing completion, and when completed will be one of the finest churches in the Conference. Brother Monroe has organized two societies a few miles out of Dayton, and at each of these places the people are now building good churches. In the early part of the coming Conference year Dayton Station will present three churches for dedication, after which you may expect to hear good reports from this charge. Brother Monroe reports an increase of sixty this year.

Hamilton Circuit lies still farther south and is bounded in that direction by the river. This is a good charge, and has had a prosperous year under the pastoral care of Rev. J. D. Winchester. This charge includes several towns along the railroad, among which is Soddy, or Rathburn. This town is asking to be made a station, and promises to sustain a Pastor if one be sent to them. Brother Winchester reports eighty conversions this year.

Hill City Station lies just across the river from Chattanooga. Is a new charge. At the beginning of the year we had no organization there. But under the pastoral care of Rev. L. Barrow, a student of Chattanooga University, it has had a marvellous growth.

A few months since the Lord put it into the hearts of the people to build a church in which to worship, and under the leadership of Judge Trewhitt and his noble wife it has been completed; and on the last Sabbath of September, aided by Rev. J. A. Ruble, J. J. Manker and E. S. Lewis, we dedicate this church to the service of the Master. This property is valued at \$3,000, and is free from incumbrance. "This is the Lord's doings and is marvellous in our eyes."

It must be remembered that Dayton District had no existence until the close of the Conference last year. Until then it had been a part of Kingston District. Then it began to struggle for an existence as such. What had been until recently five or six large Circuits was now to become Dayton District. It had several flourishing towns without churches. This has been a formative year, in which an effort to create itself has absorbed almost everything else. It has by no means been a year of inactivity. Its benevolences are low. With two charges to hear from, if they shall report only as they did last year, it will leave a deficit of about \$10 for Missions, as compared with the same territory last year. But this ought not so to be. Ministerial support has largely increased. But this is a fact worthy of note: that within ninety days from the close of this Conference five new churches may be dedicated, which will aggregate not less than \$8,000 to \$10,000.

About \$15,000 are involved in church enterprises just completed or in process of construction for the District. Whoever reports this field another year ought to bring up \$300 for Missions and \$100 for Church Extension.

GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.

THOMAS B. RUSSELL, P. E.

The Greeneville District lies at the eastern end of the Holston Conference, and is bounded by North Carolina, Virginia, and touches Kentucky at the northeastern corner. It covers the counties of Johnson, Carter, Unicoi, Sullivan, Washington, and Greene entire, and a fraction of Hawkins County. It is composed of twelve regular pastoral charges—three stations and nine Circuits.

The Taylorsville Circuit, situated in Johnson County, Tennessee, is, in some respects, one of the best charges of the District. Moses Seaton, the pastor for the past year, has performed the work of a Methodist preacher, both in pulpit and pastoral labors, and withal has given special attention to Biblical and doctrinal instruction in social circles.

At the second Quarterly meeting, held near Deep Spring, a very commanding church house, known as Clinton's Chapel, was dedicated by Samuel G. Ketron and the Presiding Elder and Pastor. This building is entirely free from debt, and cost about \$3,000.

At the third Quarterly meeting a small church, of a few hundred dollars' cost, was dedicated by the Presiding Elder and Pastor, free of debt. This church is eleven miles from Hampton, on the main road leading to Mountain City, and is known as McQueen's Chapel.

Still further up the road, toward Mountain City, we have another church, more than half completed, ranging in dimensions and cost between the two former. It is located on Little Doe River. Its completion is looked forward to as one of the facts of the near future.

At Mountain City, where we have a good church, the Masonic Fraternity controls a school building and grounds. The board of trustees is desirous of leasing the same to this Conference without a pecuniary consideration, but simply asking that the Church take this property and place a competent man at the head as Principal, and organize and continue a graded school, which shall be auxiliary to our university system. This is evidently a fine opening for a graded school under Methodist influence. This matter is respectfully referred to the Committee on Education.

The Watauga Circuit, joining the Taylorsville on the west, has been under the care of William R. McNeese, who joined the Conference on probation at our last session. He has been diligent in the study of books, and in preaching the Gospel on his Circuit. Slagle's Chapel has a small debt against it. It has not been dedicated.

Franklin H. Little has traveled the Ervin Circuit as supply. He has a church building on hand in the Limestone Cove, which he hopes to complete during the coming year; provided he is continued as supply on this Circuit. This charge has been faithfully served by the Pastor, and it ought to have reached a higher standard on the financial line before this time. Hyder's Chapel, a good small church, built by F. M. Hyder, worth about \$500, was dedicated on the last Sunday in September by Rev. B. Crist, there being no debt on the same.

Elizabethton and Roan Mountain Station is not as full of spiritual vigor as is desirable. There seems to be a manifest inability and unwillingness on the part of some to support the Gospel. A good deal of the former is in the way and too much of the latter. Business seems to be at rather a low ebb in each of the two villages—that is, that class of business which can be relied upon to resuscitate the Church. However, there is some hope and some promise. At each place we have a good church building, out of debt. The one at Roan Mountain was dedicated August the 13th by Rev. Dr. Manker. On dedication day we raised in cash and subscription \$270, which we all were pleased to count as a grand success. What we now want in these churches is more religion, more members, and more money. The Pastor, Benjamin Crist, in the midst of discouragements and with very little support, has been true to his post.

The Johnson City Station has had a fairly prosperous year. Samuel G. Ketron has been the Pastor. Severe and protracted sickness has visited his family at Bloomingdale, 25 miles from his charge, and consequently the Pastor was compelled to be absent from his work when his continued presence was a necessity. The year closed with a glorious revival among the church members. Claims for ministerial support fully met. Conversions, 10; accessions, 15.

The Kingsport Circuit has been in charge of John H. Jennings. In this case, as in others, the Pastor has had difficulties—such as

illness in his family, long distances, swollen rivers and little quarterage. He has had a year of hard toil.

One splendid church has been finished this year on this Circuit, at Warpath—now called Fairfield. The debt on this building, if any, is small. It has not been dedicated. This Circuit has a new parsonage at Bloomingdale ready for occupancy. Bloomingdale Seminary, under the management of Joseph H. Ketron, A. M., is located here, and is in a prosperous condition.

Fall Branch Circuit has had, in some essential respects, a prosperous year—George B. Cox, Pastor. A good and beautiful church on Buffalo Ridge has been finished this year, and on July 15th was dedicated by Rev. Dr. Mann, all indebtedness being provided for.

The District camp-ground on this Circuit has been substantially improved by fence, boarding-house, and feed-stable. The camp-meeting held September 14-19 was, in order and convenience, the best held since our re-organization. *This encampment ought to have the support of the entire District.* Conversions, 131; accessions, 137.

The Oakland Circuit, R. S. Sampson, Pastor, has had a good year. It has a good parsonage of four rooms near by Oakland Seminary. Some steps have been taken during the year to build a new church at Carter's school-house. Oakland Seminary is doing a good work for the young people of all this surrounding country. It is situated in the midst of one of the strongest societies, financially and numerically, within the bounds of the District—the Zion Society.

The Greeneville Circuit, Thomas H. Hodge, Pastor, is in good condition, except it does not pay enough for pastoral support—*like all the rest.* The new church house at Harrison's, six miles south of Greeneville, was dedicated July 22nd, by Rev. Dr. Cooke, free of debt. This Circuit has more good churches than any other charge on the District. The Pastor reports 40 conversions; 25 joined the Church.

The Fullen's Circuit, Thomas S. Walker, Pastor, can likewise be reckoned as in good condition. The church building at Fullen's (now Chucky City) so long without dedication because of embarrassing debt, has had its indebtedness removed, and on April 22nd was dedicated by Rev. Dr. Carter. Repairs to the amount of \$50 have been put on the parsonage. Warren Collegiate Institute is doing good work. It needs and is worthy of financial aid.

Greeneville Station, James H. Amis, Pastor, is not as strong to-day in a financial point of view as it was five years ago, because some of its strongest men have died and others have failed in business. We have, however, the most inviting house of worship in town, and the congregations are good, and the Sunday-school is full of promise. And, judging from present appearances, the outlook is favorable to the upbuilding of the church in the years to come. But at present it cannot be called a self-sustaining church. Conversions, 30; accessions, 33 for the year.

Jonesboro Circuit, Absalom Bunn, supply. The affliction of the Pastor's wife for more than half the year materially lessened the amount of work which he otherwise could have done. His ministry, however, has been acceptable and not without results for good.

The town of Jonesboro, where we have no church building—our house was consumed by fire four or five years ago—but where we have about 30 members, was left to be supplied at our last session. It was soon found that there were two things in the way of the employment of a regular supply—(1) the want of a preaching place, and (2) the want of a support for any one whom we might call to the place. Hence, I could see no better way than to act as supply myself, having taken up my residence in the town, devoting what little time I could spare from the District work. And so I have preached six times, held three prayer-meetings, visited the sick, and made twenty-five pastoral visits.

All the pastors deserve the respect of men and the ultimate association of angels for their untiring devotion to the charges assigned them. Storm and sin, and pennies where they earned and needed dollars, have not stopped their aggressive movements in the itinerant ranks. A part of the membership has showed equal heroism in working for the salvation of men.

As to my own labors as Presiding Elder, I have but a word to say. Of the forty-eight Quarterly meetings for the year, I have held in person forty-one. The remaining seven I failed to reach, because of sickness and absence from the District. These meetings were provided for according to the provisions of the Discipline in such cases. I have traveled this year in the interest of the charge committed to my care about 3,000 miles. I have preached 112 times, besides various addresses and lectures on our financial issues in the Quarterly Conferences.

A summary view of the past year's work shows that the aggregate value of the church buildings dedicated is \$6,570. On this amount \$1,952 was raised the present year. The total number of conversions may be safely put at 400, and the number of accessions to the Church at 350. Truly may it be said of our Church in this territory—"Her walls before thee stand."

NOTE.—For statistical information not found in the above report, the reader is referred to the general statistical tables in the latter part of this pamphlet.—EDITOR.

KINGSTON DISTRICT.

A. C. PETERS, P. E.

The Kingston District last year had twenty-one appointments; twelve of these were taken off and formed the Dayton District. This was done last Conference, leaving nine original appointments in the Kingston District. To these were added three other appointments, viz: Clinton and Coal Creek, Clinton Circuit and Newcomb and Jellico Station. The above stations were appointments on Circuits last year, making twelve appointments in the District. Seven of these were filled by members of the Conference and five by local preachers. The district has enjoyed some prosperity. The grand and glorious possibilities of this District are yet unknown.

Kingston Station was under the watchful care of F. W. Henck, who was abundant in labors. He had some prosperity and some adversity; he reports some conversions, sanctifications and additions to the Church. The church building has been repaired. The charge paid \$8 missionary money last year; this year it has paid \$35 for missions.

Kingston Circuit was supplied by C. Steward, who, on account of failing health, gave up his work at the close of the third quarter, without any visible good being done. I secured the services of Brother Gillispie, who filled out the year with great credit. He reports a number of conversions and accessions to the Church. He did his work well. Last year this charge paid nothing for missions; this year it has paid \$20 and \$8 for Church Extension.

Oliver Springs Circuit has enjoyed the services of J. N. Kendall, who fought a hard but a successful battle, and proved himself to be adequate to his position. This charge is small in membership, but is growing and is destined to become a first-class Circuit.

This charge paid \$5 last year; this year it has paid \$10 for missions.

Scarborough Circuit has prospered by the faithful energies of S. Greear. He has had a good year. God has blessed his labors. Numbers have been converted and joined the Church. The church building at Scarborough has been repaired and painted—a beautiful steeple and splendid bell—all showing the progress of the Church. This Circuit last year paid \$1 for missions. This year it has paid \$6.

Clinton and Coal Creek Station has had a live preacher in the personage of J. A. Baker. He worked up one of the best Sunday-schools in the District. The Church at Clinton is the leading Church of the town; never was so until this year. A beautiful tower was built to the church, seventy feet high, and it gives a grand showing to the beautiful church. This charge has a glorious future, if I have not drawn a wrong conclusion. Brother Baker had a revival at both of his appointments. This charge last year was in the Clinton Circuit, and it paid \$10 for missions. This year it has paid \$8.

Clinton Circuit has increased this year in conversions and church building. W. D. Gorman has done a noble work. He had one church finished, and built two more from the beginning. This is a good Circuit. Brother Gorman has a good report. He has looked after the interest of the Church. Last year this charge, with Clinton, paid \$10 for missions. This year it has paid \$10 without Clinton.

Newcomb and Jellico Station was supplied by W. S. Cagle, who has worked up a fine charge. He has done well. This is one of the best appointments in the District.

Brother Cagle has organized a class at Jellico with thirty members of splendid material, and a beautiful church is being built that will cost \$3,000 when completed. The future for this charge is very encouraging. It paid up the preacher's claim. Last year it paid \$11 for missions. This year it has paid \$20.

A. B. Wright has had some success on the Sunbright Circuit. He reports thirty conversions and organized a class of twenty members. He has looked after the interest of the Church. He always increases the missionary collections. He has been a great worker, but his best working days are gone. This Circuit last year paid \$10 for missions. This year it has paid \$20.

New River Circuit was supplied by A. Dahuff, who has been

faithful and done a good work. He reports some conversions and accessions to the Church. This charge last year paid \$15 for missions. This year it has paid \$16.

Jamestown Circuit was supplied by Drew Cass, who gave up his work at the close of the first quarter without doing any visible good. I then secured the services of J. W. Dinkins, who did what he could to build up the Church; but being a Baptist all his life until last year, he did not know some things about the Methodist Church, and Circuit work was to him a little strange; therefore he did but little in building up the Church. He failed to present the missionary claim, so that this charge will not compare favorably with itself last year. The Presiding Elder lives in the bounds of this work, and he looked after the missionary cause a little and raised three dollars.

Wolf River Circuit was supplied by A. B. Hale, a very acceptable preacher. He did some of his work well. He reports about thirty conversions and a number of accessions to the Church. This circuit paid nothing for missions last year. This year it has paid two dollars. A little improvement, thank the Lord.

Rockwood was ably filled by W. T. Jones. He was doing a grand work for the Lord. He was a man of God and God was with him and His work prospered in his hands. He was a true man. He never murmured about his work or his salary. He often said, "The Lord will provide." But his work is ended. He was called home to his Father's house on the 28th of July, 1888.

The Presiding Elder has been vigilant; held all of his quarterly meetings except three, and two of them he held by proxy. He dedicated two new churches and six more are on the way to completion. The value will range from \$500 to \$3,000.

Kingston District last year, with twenty-one appointments, paid \$130 missionary money; this year, with twelve appointments, has paid \$155 for missions.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

JOHN S. PETTY, P. E.

Thirteen pastoral charges—two Stations and eleven Circuits—comprise the Knoxville District. The first on the list is Emert—a mountain Circuit, small numerically and weak financially. There is not a church house on the Circuit; school-houses are used as preaching places. The spirit of enterprise has not yet

reached the bounds of this charge. We have some excellent members, and there is material, if utilized, from which a strong, prosperous Circuit might result. There is a probability of a railroad in the near future passing through its territory. If this is realized, we may reasonably hope for the speedy and permanent growth of this charge. Brother A. M. Rose has been in charge two years. Notwithstanding the meager support he has received, he has stood his ground and labored to advance the cause of Christ. He reports fifty-eight conversions, twenty-seven accessions, and \$5.00 raised for benevolences. Received for ministerial support, \$128.71.

Fair Garden Circuit—Brother R. C. Robertson, pastor—has experienced some gracious revivals of religion, and a large accession to its membership. The spiritual condition of this charge has greatly improved during the year—the means of grace are well attended, the Sabbath-schools are prosperous. There have been 130 conversions and sixty-five accessions. One new church worth about \$2,000 was dedicated by Brother J. A. Ruble, free of debt, July 29th. The benevolent collections aggregate \$35.00. The claims for ministerial support were not fully met.

Knox Circuit—in charge of Brother T. R. West—has had a fairly prosperous year. For the society formerly worshipping at Fountain Head an attractive and substantial church, costing about \$2,000, has been erected on the Tazewell pike, near Elmwood and distant from Knoxville about five miles. A thriving Sunday-school, large congregations and a prosperous class are the results. Revival services have been held at several points, resulting in a number of conversions and thirty-four accessions. The benevolent collections aggregate \$67.00. The claims for ministerial support fully met by several societies—but there is on the charge a small deficit.

KNOXVILLE—Clinch Street.—Brother I. A. Pearce has been in charge for the past three years, and has done excellent service. Its spiritual condition was never better than at present; the Sunday-school is large and ably conducted; the prayer and class-meetings are well attended; valuable and numerous accessions to the membership have been secured, largely through faithful pastoral labor, and every interest of the Church has been advanced. I have not received the report of collections.

Asylum Street.—Brother J. A. Ruble has been in charge during the past year, and his labors have been crowned with marked

success. Revival services extending through several weeks have been held, resulting in a large number of conversions and thirty-seven accessions; and, in addition, the membership has been greatly blessed, harmony has been restored where discord and alienation had for a year or two prevailed, and the church is moving forward in the spirit of love and loyalty to Christ. The congregations are large and inspiring; the Sunday-school is well organized and is prosperous; the financial outlook is hopeful. This society is composed largely of the laboring class—it is not wealthy, has never been self-supporting, but has made considerable advancement in this direction during the past year. The report for benevolences is about \$50.00. Work on the church to the amount of \$120.00 has been done during the year.

Little River Circuit—Brother P. H. Henry in charge—is a small Circuit, but financially it should be in much better condition than the reports show. There is a large deficiency in the claim for ministerial support. The benevolent collections aggregate only \$12.00. The Pastor reports ten accessions. It is but just to Brother Henry to state that during a good part of the year he has been in somewhat impaired health, unable to do the amount of pastoral work he otherwise would have performed, though he has usually met his appointments and has given, so far as I know, general satisfaction as an earnest Christian man and efficient minister of the Gospel.

Loudon was left to be supplied and I could not, until in December, get a suitable man to take charge of it. I secured the services of Brother J. W. Cassaday, a Local Preacher (unordained) living within its bounds, who proved acceptable to the people generally, and faithful and efficient as a Pastor. There has been some progress made at several points. He reports thirty-four conversions and twenty accessions; for benevolences, an aggregate of \$15.00.

At Loudon we have a very small society. A brick church built several years ago is encumbered by a debt of about \$275, and, because of defective foundation, is badly damaged, and demands immediate attention to prevent its destruction. We have a number of friends at Loudon who will aid us some in the work of repairing the church, and if we can get the debt removed the society will be greatly encouraged. We hope to see this result during the next year.

Loveville has been served by Brother R. O. Ayres, who has

done an excellent year's work. Though his family resided on the Athens Circuit, he has spent the most of the year on his work in the faithful discharge of duty as a Pastor. He reports sixteen conversions and eighteen accessions. Received for benevolences, \$18.00.

Maryville has been in charge of Brother D. S. Hodsden, who has proven faithful and efficient. He has carefully looked after all the interests of the Church, and this charge may be said to be in a growing state. The financial report has not come into my hands. The claim for ministerial support has not been fully met—a deficiency of about \$200 exists.

New Market and Dandridge—Brother W. T. Senter, Pastor—has had some degree of prosperity, but not to the extent desired and hoped for at the beginning of the year. On account of sickness in his family during a large part of the year the Pastor has been unable to give as much of his personal attention to his work other than meeting his appointments, as he usually does, and there is a large decrease in the benevolent collections consequent upon this. There are two church enterprises well begun, and we feel assured they will be completed during the next year. The collections for benevolences aggregate \$30.00—about one-half what they were last year. There is also a deficiency in the claim for ministerial support of about \$50.00. He reports fifteen conversions and ten accessions.

New Salem Circuit—Brother M. A. Rule, pastor—has had a year of spiritual health, but not of marked growth. The congregations are good, the Sabbath-schools are flourishing, the financial reports are above the average. He reports twenty-four accessions. The benevolent collections aggregate \$68.00.

Sevierville Circuit has been in charge of Brother J. A. Nicholson, who has labored faithfully and with a large degree of success, so far as conversions and accessions to the Church are concerned. He has done excellent pastoral work, and under his labors the spiritual condition of the charge has greatly improved. The report is as follows: aggregate of collections for benevolences, \$64.00; claims for ministerial support paid in full; sixty conversions, thirty accessions.

Thorn Grove Circuit has been acceptably served by Brother J. M. Durham, who reports 100 conversions and thirty accessions; benevolent collections, \$30.00. Brother Durham resides within the bounds of the Knox Circuit, and, on account of his domestic

affairs, has not spent as much time on his charge as the people desired and its interests demanded. I am impressed that thorough, systematic work would in a year or two place this charge among the first of the District. He is personally esteemed as an earnest Christian, and very acceptable as a preacher.

This completes the list of charges. The report, though it shows in some important respects a gain during the year, is far below what I had hoped to be able to make. The year has given me some acquaintance with the work and the workers, and I am convinced that there is no good reason why the full assessment for ministerial support and for the benevolences should not be fully met. This will require work, earnest, systematic effort on the part both of the laymen and ministers; and, when this is furnished, success is assured.

I am impressed that we ought to discountenance and oppose the organization of union Sunday-schools in our church houses, the use of literature other than that of our own Book Concern, and that we should strive earnestly to get a copy of our Church paper into every home; that we should organize every Sunday-school into a Missionary society and arrange for missionary meetings as often as possible--*at least* bi-monthly on the Circuits, monthly on the Stations, and take collections for missions. We should urge upon the officers of the Sunday-schools the observance of Children's Day, and take a collection for the cause of Education on that day.

Justice to myself requires, I think, a personal statement. During the third quarter of the year I was confined at home for about one month with serious sickness; for several months my oldest child (a daughter) lingered at home with what proved to be a fatal disease; she ceased to suffer September 3d; she seemed to need my presence to cheer and comfort her. On account of these afflictions, I failed to attend in person five quarterly meetings; at other times I felt compelled, under the force of circumstances, to return from my meetings as soon as practicable after the Sabbath service was concluded in order that I might be with my family while the shadow of death was thrown over my home.

MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.

G. W. JARVIS, P. E.

The Morristown District embraces seven whole counties and part of each of five others. It extends from the Smoky Moun-

tains on the South to the Cumberland on the North. This territory is one of the richest farming sections in the State. The valleys are broad and fertile, the mountains and hills are rich in minerals. Three railroads traverse this District, and another is in process of construction, which, when completed, will add much to the Circuits along the line from Union County to Cumberland Gap. I was appointed to this District on the 17th day of October, 1887, by Bishop Andrews.

Rogersville Circuit.—W. R. Byerly was appointed to this Circuit, but owing to sickness in his family he was not permitted to be present at the first Quarterly meeting. I soon learned the cause of his absence, and was also asked by him to supply the charge until Spring, which I did by securing P. W. Shockley, a Local Preacher. Brother Shockley came on in good time, and has done a very good year's work. His benevolent collections were in advance of last year—the missionary collections being 40 per cent. increase. W. R. Byerly reported to me in Rogersville at the beginning of the Third Quarter as ready for work. I took Rogersville from the Rogersville Circuit and put him here as Station Preacher. He did some good preaching for the people, and would have succeeded in doing much towards establishing it a station, but before the fourth Quarterly meeting fever seized him, and he has been lying at the point of death ever since. Rogersville is an important point in upper East Tennessee. The Presbyterians and Southern Methodists have each a stationed Pastor, and unless we place a man here and sustain him we had as well give up our work in this town.

Sneedville Circuit was supplied by G. M. Hicks, a Local Elder, who has made a faithful Pastor. His missionary collection is 50 per cent. over last year. The other collections are two and three hundred per cent. in advance. The Sneedville Circuit is a good and promising field for our Methodism, but it has been butchered for the last ten or twelve years. There is not a place in the District that would yield more fruit than would Sneedville Circuit if rightly worked.

The Whitesburg Circuit has been under the care of P. H. Reed. The people all speak in highest terms of his pulpit efforts. I have no report from him. I learned since I came to Cleveland that he is at home badly afflicted with sore eyes. I have raised six dollars for missions on his work. He has more, but I am unable to say how much.

Parrottsville Circuit has been in charge of M. M. Murrell, who has done a faithful year's work. Reports will show 400 per cent. advance in missionary money. I raised of this \$8.65, and the rest was raised by Brother Murrell. The claim of the Presiding Elder was paid in full. This is a small Circuit, but one of the best in the Conference. The Parrottsville Seminary, one of our best schools, is located on this charge. The school is in a fair condition, and promises much in the near future. Last year Professor Wagner was abundant in labors for the success of the Seminary, and as some of the fruits of his labors the school has opened more hopefully than at any time in its past history.

Newport Circuit.—J. L. Cardwell has done effective work. At Newport he and I secured a lot on which to build a church. His missionary collection is a little in advance of last year.

Morristown Circuit has been in charge of Rev. W. C. Graves. He has been acceptable as a Pastor and efficient in his work. The work he has done on the Circuit will be remembered as the work of a man much younger than himself. His missionary collection is above last year on the same charge; and would have been much better than it is but for a break-down in health just at the close of the year.

Maynardville Circuit.—J. B. Seaton has done excellent work on Maynardville Circuit. None of the interests have suffered for want of vigilance on the part of Brother Seaton. Missionary collection nine hundred per cent. better than last year. A most desirable site for a house of worship has been deeded to the Methodist Episcopal Church; and work on the house to commence just as soon as lumber can be had. This lot is situated on a nice elevation on the railroad from Knoxville to Cumberland Gap, on the C. & C. Road.

Big Valley Circuit has been under the care of J. L. McKenzie. His benevolent collections are very much better than last year. Seventy-one persons were converted and fifty-eight joined the Church. A lot, and the material for building, were donated by Rev. Hazen Oaks to build a house for the Lord. This house will be one of the best and most commodious in Union County.

The Fincastle Circuit.—I. H. Reneau did, as his first year's labor, a splendid work on this Circuit. This charge is a ripe field for an energetic man who has a family to educate. Powell's Valley Seminary, with J. Wiley P. Massey as its Principal, is located here. Professor Massey is a graduate from Grant Me-

morial University. This school is in one of the finest, most healthful and fertile parts of East Tennessee. The opening this year was more favorable than any year in the past. The Parsonage is within a stone's cast of the Seminary. There is a small debt on this property, and it is not yet finished, but a preacher with a little energy could pay the indebtedness and finish the house within two or three weeks after his arrival on the Circuit. We cannot afford to let the Parsonage remain empty. The school, with its live, progressive, and persevering Principal, makes this an inviting field for some wide-awake preacher.

Speedwell Circuit.—A. G. Cadle traveled this Circuit, and has been very successful in his work. His missionary collections are more than two hundred per cent. above last year. The Speedwell Circuit is not much behind the best Circuits.

The Tazewell Circuit is one of the most important Circuits in the Holston Conference. A. Y. Snively, a zealous Local Preacher, was called as supply. He has been on this charge two years and a half. The longer he stays the more the people like him. He has done the best work on Tazewell Circuit that has been done on the District. Every church-house has been repaired and a neat framed house built and dedicated during the year. This house was dedicated free of debt by the Presiding Elder and Brother Snively on the 26th of May. The great success on this Circuit is due to the heroic labors of the Pastor.

Rutledge Circuit has been under the efficient care of William Kinsland. Brother Kinsland is a preacher of rare abilities. The people are more than satisfied with his able sermons. His benevolent collections are better than last year.

Rogersville Station was organized during the year, with Brother Byerly as Pastor, who was mentioned above. We must make this and keep it as a station.

Morristown Station.—F. G. Mellor has been in charge of the Centenary Methodist Episcopal church for the past year. Brother Mellor has built up the congregations to a respectable number. But he has been greatly embarrassed by a \$1,500 debt that hangs over us here, which was incurred in building. This indebtedness has hindered Brother Mellor in his work. He is not responsible for any part of this debt. Neither of us had any voice in creating the debts against the property. The Pastor has paid off some of the local debts this year, and has summed them all up and has got them in a much better shape than when he took hold here.

These debts must be paid before we can hope to succeed in Morristown. The brethren have done nobly by our Methodism, and have responded to every call that has been made on them for money. They must have some outside help from some source.

My Own Work on the District: Preached 175 times; held fifty-two quarterly conferences; took up subscriptions for missions to the amount of \$60.56; put into the hands of young ladies sixty-four Willing Worker cards, raised in this way \$46.25; making a total of \$106.81; baptized twenty-seven adults and thirty-four infants; traveled 3,978 miles. There has not been an unkind word between myself and the preachers—we are in love and charity with each other. The spiritual condition of the District is fairly good. I have witnessed seventy conversions in our Quarterly Meetings. Total conversions, 387.

The following table shows the collections for missions for 1887 and 1888:

	1887.	1888.
Rogersville.....	\$10 00	\$ 14 80
Sneedville.....	5 00	10 00
Big Valley.....	3 00	22 00
Fincastle.....	20 00	21 00
Maynardville.....	—	9 25
Morristown.....	5 00	10 00
Morristown Circuit.....	5 00	10 00
Rutledge.....	7 00	13 25
Speedwell.....	5 00	9 00
Parrottsville.....	8 00	25 65
Tazewell.....	3 00	10 00
Totals.....	\$71 00	\$154 95

STATISTICS NO. 1,

NAMES OF CHARGES	MEMBERSHIP.				Baptisms		CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and im- proving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property.
CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT												
Athens	12	185	12	1	1	2	1	3,500	..	..	135	..
Athens Circuit.....	77	430	2	3	..	20	7	2,000	..	..	50	..
Blue Spring and Sewee..	40	400	5	1	15	14	7	3,000	..	..	400	90
Chatata	36	404	1	10	3	18	8	6,600	1	225	300	..
Chattanooga, 1st Church	5	384	1	2	8	13	1	60,000	..	..	..	..
Cameron Hill & St. Elmo	27	22	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mission Ridge.....	6	45	..	..	3	3	1	2,000	..	..	125	..
Montgomery Avenue ..	1	45	1	1	4	5	1	10,000	..	..	150	..
Cleveland	3	128	..	1	5	4	1	4,000	..	..	100	..
Cleveland Circuit.....	60	385	4	5	1	10	9	7,000	..	..	600	..
Decatur	32	394	2	5	4	5	5	2,500	1	250	1300	..
Ducktown.....	4	108	1	..	1	2	3	3,500	..	..	250	..
Madisonville	5	175	..	3	6	8	3	2,100	..	..	..	..
Ooltewah.....	8	206	3	1	3	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tellico	15	180	3	2	2	..	2	1,000	..	..	..	..
Totals	331	3,491	35	38	56	111	49	107,200	2	475	3310	90
DAYTON DISTRICT.												
Crossville	33	202	3	1	..	1	2	750	1	500	25	..
Dayton .....	..	100	..	..	1	27	3	4000	1	500	900	100
Graysville	43	302	2	3	1	20	2	1080	2	500	10	40
Hamilton.....	41	300	4	3	3	3	5	3500	1	150	..	..
Hill City.....	4	27	1	..	..	2	1	3000	..	..	2850	..
Jasper	37	182	..	4	21	12	2	1200	1	200	..	..
Pikeville	50	134	1	2	..	13	2	1000	1	300	..	..
South Pittsburg.....	15	83	2	..	..	1	..	900	..	..	..	..
Spring City	12	92	1	2	4	6	1	2000	..	..	200	..
Tracy City	60	90	2	5	12	18	1	3500	..	..	1100	..
Tracy City Circuit.....	..	80	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Walden's Ridge.....	..	120	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	295	1,712	16	20	42	102	20	20,930	7	2,150	5085	140
GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.												
Elizabethton & Roan Mt.	6	175	..	2	1	..	2	5,000	..	..	300	..
Ervin	46	365	2	10	8	41	2	1,700	..	..	700	..
Fall Branch.....	56	550	1	7	3	64	6	8,000	..	..	300	..
Fullen's	30	508	3	2	8	24	6	6,200	1	800	40	250
Greenville.....	24	129	..	3	6	7	1	5,000	1	2,000	..	..
Greenville Circuit	30	535	3	5	13	4	9	12,225	..	..	125	..
Johnson City	3	115	3	3	6	7	1	4,000	..	..	126	..
Jonesboro .....	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Jonesboro Circuit	26	342	3	8	18	36	3	2,500	..	..	36	..
Kingsport	18	535	3	6	3	2	5	3,300	1	1,000	..	..
Oakland	40	445	1	4	2	10	6	4,000	1	640	400	..
Taylor'sville.....	13	266	..	5	2	..	4	4,400	..	..	500	1,000
Watanga .....	..	271	3	2	..	..	3	2,500	..	..	300	50
Totals ..	292	4,266	22	57	70	195	48	58,825	4	4,440	2,227	1,900
KINGSTON DISTRICT.												
Boatland and Wolf River	32	262	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	94	7
Clinton and Coal Creek ..	..	82	..	..	..	2	2	3,000	..	..	..	..
Clinton Circuit.	10	309	4	3	36	18	4	2,825	..	..	900	..
Jamestown	21	268	2	5	..	..	5	1,450	..	..	..	..

HOLSTON CONFERENCE FOR 1888.

Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)	Sunday-Schools.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										Ministerial Support.		Other Collections.	
		No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all ages.	For Missions.			For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society	For Education.	For American Bible Society	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.		For Conference Claimants
					From Churches.	From Sunday-Schools.	Total.											
90	1	19	222	70	70	8	1	6	32	541	1							
	4	20	250	20	20	3	1	1	1	341	2							
	5	27	200	8	15	3	1	1	1	161	1							
25	6	56	250	50	50	10	1	1	1	354	1							
570	1	26	335	220	40	260	40	13	8	56	41	12	40	2,115	22	130		
	1	5	25	15	15	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	65				
130	13	11	75	15	15								16	240				
3,000	75	10	70	8	13	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	562				
100	1	14	128	50	30	80	27	2	4	13	306			590		36		
	10	7	375	50	10	60	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	306	3			
	3	21	237	25	25	8	8	2	1	1	1	1	1	251	1			
	2	18	85	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	75	1			
	2	10	100	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	227	2			
	3	12	150	15	2	15	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	168	2			
	15	7	50	2	1	3	3							140	2			
3,130	910	41	312	2,552	404	239	643	112	16	9	61	54	13	102	6,196	37	216	
60	3	12	100	10	10	5	1							295				
1,750	2	14	124			6	1							289				
44	15	13	120	3	2	5	1							335	1			
275	10	14	100	5	1	2	3							346	3			
150	1	9	75	2	2	1	1					1	1	87				
	1	8	25	2	2	2	2							189	1			
	4	25	120	8	2	2	2			1				155	1			
	1	6	45	3	3	3	3							100				
	34	21	240	5	5	1	1					5		185				
	10	7	65	1	1	2	2							283				
2,279	69	20	129	1,004	37	6	43	15	1	1	1	6	1	2,204	6			
	3	20	180	3	3		3							172	1			
75	28	8	50	3	3		3							255	1			
	7	42	350	5	3		8	2	1	1	1	1	1	346	2			
	6	43	300	12	12		12	4	1	1	1	1	1	454	3			
	1	16	160	12	12		12	3	1	1	2	3	1	440	6	3		
	25	9	300	2	8		10	5	4	2	1	2	27	314	3			
	60	1	110	16	14		30	2	1	1	1	2	1	487	5	6		
	42	2	100	2	2		7	1						50				
	5	15	233	4	1		5	1	1					226	1			
	8	45	250	10			10	1				1	1	170	1			
35	12	20	138	8	1		9	3	1			5		551	2			
	1	10	100	2			2					1	2	344	2			
110	292	47	310	2,271	86	27	113	22	8	5	6	13	8	31	5	4,008	27	9
	35	1	90	6	2		8	4								271	3	
	3	15	110	10			10	5	2							145	2	
	5	20	150															

STATISTICS NO. 1,

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				Baptisms		CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church property.
Kingston	3	71	...	...	9	2	1	650	...	...	50	...
Kingston Circuit.....	40	202	2	2	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Newcomb and Jellico.....	...	40	...	2	2	...	1	600	...	...	...	...
New River	24	154	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oliver Springs.....	18	90	1	4	2	4	1	200	...	...	...	...
Rockwood.....	75	17	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarborough.....	30	300	3	5	10	15	8	1,800	1	500	60	...
Sunbright and Oakdale..	30	208	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	298	2,003	16	25	60	46	22	10,525	1	500	1,104	7
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.												
Emert	50	200	2	5	...	...	4	1,000	...	...	...	...
Fair Garden.....	50	600	5	4	3	50	7	4,500	...	...	60	...
Knox Circuit.....	22	405	4	6	6	5	6	5,500	...	...	1,000	...
Knoxville—Asylum St...	7	141	3	1	...	4	1	6,000	...	...	120	...
Knoxville—Cinch St...	10	334	3	4	9	...	1	36,000	...	...	...	...
Little River.....	9	222	1	4	6	...	4	1,000	...	...	...	...
London.....	60	230	1	1	10	4	4	3,500	...	...	...	...
Loveville.....	12	440	3	4	2	7	5	3,600	...	...	...	...
Maryville.....	90	540	...	1	...	25	5	5,000	1	300	...	...
New Market...	7	457	4	...	...	...	3	4,000	1	250	...	...
New Salem.....	28	351	1	3	5	2	5	6,500	1	400	100	100
Serierville.....	70	605	1	5	3	5	7	8,950	1	1,000	...	...
Thorn Grove.....	25	350	3	3	2	21	4	2,400	1	350	...	...
Totals	440	4,875	29	41	46	123	56	87,950	5	2,300	1,280	100
MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.												
Big Valley.....	64	325	5	4	7	31	5	1,200	...	...	385	...
Fincastle.....	25	327	1	3	...	...	5	7,300	1	400	...	...
Maynardville.....	26	301	...	3	11	...	3	1,400	...	...	...	...
Morristown	8	51	...	1	...	...	1	5,000	...	...	125	...
Morristown Circuit.....	15	268	1	4	10	2	7	6,650	...	...	...	...
Newport.....	60	323	5	2	4	17	3	1,800	...	...	75	...
Parrottsville.....	25	253	1	4	19	13	3	3,300	...	...	...	...
Rogersville.....	70	375	2	3	5	6	4	3,800	...	...	...	...
Rutledge.....	15	400	3	4	12	3	5	2,500	...	...	...	...
Sneedville.....	107	318	3	8	12	6	5	3,425	...	...	550	...
Speedwell.....	25	293	1	3	1	...	4	2,250	...	...	...	...
Tazewell.....	55	435	5	7	17	11	5	1,500	...	...	250	...
Whitesburg.....	25	156	1	...	...	...	2	1,600	...	...	...	...
Totals	520	3,825	28	46	98	89	52	41,725	1	400	1,385	...
RECAPITULATION.												
Chattanooga District....	331	3,491	35	38	56	111	49	107,200	2	475	3,310	90
Dayton District.....	295	1,712	16	20	42	102	20	20,930	7	2,150	5,085	140
Greenville District.....	292	4,266	22	57	70	195	48	58,825	4	4,440	2,227	1,900
Kingston District.....	293	2,063	16	25	60	46	22	10,525	1	500	1,104	7
Knoxville District.....	440	4,875	29	41	46	123	56	87,950	5	2,300	1,280	100
Morristown District.....	520	3,825	28	46	98	89	52	41,725	1	400	1,385	...
Grand Totals.....	2,171	20,172	146	227	372	666	247	327,155	20	10,265	14,391	2,237

HOLSTON CONFERENCE FOR 1888.

		Sunday-Schools.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.												Ministerial Support.		
Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all ages.	For Missions.			For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday-School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants		Other Collections.
					From Churches.	From Sunday-Schools.	Total.										For Conference Claimants		
.....	50	1	12	100	20	15	35	7	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	484	2	.....
.....	.....	2	9	80	13	7	20	8	1	1	2	.....	1	.....	.....	110	4	.....
.....	.....	1	8	60	15	5	20	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300	12	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	126	.....	.....
.....	15	1	8	57	6	4	10	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	224	2	.....
.....	.....	4	20	328	6	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	228	.....	.....
.....	.....	4	20	160	20	.....	20	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	129	1	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	184	.....	.....
.....	103	22	121	1,135	112	33	145	41	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	2,201	16	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....
200	43	4	35	350	15	.....	15	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	260	11	3
.....	120	1	18	200	26	24	50	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	360	6	3
.....	500	1	20	183	30	.....	30	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	692	2	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	235	.....	127	127	.....	2	1	.....	22	2	47	.....	1,600	34	.....
200	.....	5	40	.....	8	.....	8	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	231	2	.....
.....	40	6	48	250	8	.....	8	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	272	1	.....
125	.....	4	42	370	5	4	9	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	267	4	2
.....	25	4	36	300	23	6	29	2	1	1	1	.....	.....	40	.....	564	3	4
.....	50	4	35	250	20	.....	20	3	1	1	.....	3	1	.....	.....	352	8	3
.....	50	4	48	280	15	30	45	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	352	11	3
.....	.....	3	17	300	17	13	30	7	1	1	1	5	1	5	.....	532	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	178	17	1	18	3	1	1	2	1	1	.....	.....	352	2	1
525	828	41	369	2,903	189	205	394	32	10	8	6	35	7	93	6	5,934	84	19	
.....	.....	3	20	145	14	8	22	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	160	.....	.....
.....	.....	2	14	90	21	.....	21	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	143	1	.....
.....	.....	3	22	100	9	.....	9	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95	.....	.....
1,500	100	1	10	90	5	5	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	522	3	.....
.....	.....	3	25	140	11	.....	11	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	1	.....
.....	6	3	12	200	14	.....	14	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	251	1	.....
.....	.....	3	8	110	17	8	25	1	.....	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	207	1	.....
.....	.....	4	15	147	10	4	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	235	.....	.....
.....	.....	3	15	150	10	3	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	106	.....	.....
.....	.....	6	40	300	10	.....	10	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	86	3	.....
.....	.....	5	30	218	10	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	.....	.....
.....	.....	3	25	180	15	.....	15	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	1	.....
.....	.....	2	10	160	6	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....
1,500	106	41	246	2,030	152	28	180	14	4	3	.....	8	1	.....	.....	2,136	11	.....
3,130	910	41	312	2,552	404	239	643	112	16	9	61	54	13	102	.....	6,196	37	216
2,279	69	20	129	1,014	37	6	43	15	1	.....	1	6	1	.....	.....	2,204	6	.....
110	292	47	310	2,271	86	27	113	22	8	5	6	13	8	31	5	4,008	27	9	
.....	103	22	121	1,135	112	33	145	41	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	2,201	16	.....
525	828	41	369	2,903	189	205	394	32	10	8	6	35	7	93	6	5,934	84	19	
1,500	106	41	246	2,030	152	28	180	14	4	3	.....	8	1	.....	.....	2,136	11	.....
7,544	2,308	212	1,487	11,905	980	538	1,518	236	43	28	77	118	32	227	12	22,679	181	244	

STATISTICS NO. 2,

		MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								
NAME OF CHARGE.	Name of Pastor.	Pastors.			Presiding Elders.		Bish- ops.		Conf. Claim- ants.	
		Claims, including House Rent or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Receipts, including House Rent or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.
CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT										
Athens.....	J. W. Mann.....	\$500	\$500	.....	\$40	\$40	.....	\$1	.....	\$1
Athens Circuit.....	T. H. Russell.....	400	306	\$94	60	34	\$4	1	.....	2
Blue Spring.....	H. H. Burk.....	460	135	325	60	32	1	1	\$5	2
Chatata.....	W. C. Miller.....	425	293	132	60	60	.....	1	.....	1
Chattanooga, 1st Church.....	A. B. Riker.....	2,000	2,000	.....	100	100	15	15	.....	22
Cameron Hill & St. Elmo.....	J. S. Albright.....	150	63	87	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missioa Ridge.....	J. B. Jacobs.....	200	200	.....	40	40	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montgomery Avenue.....	J. D. Droke.....	500	548	.....	25	13	1	.....	3	.....
Cleveland.....	R. J. Cooke.....	548	548	.....	40	40	.....	2	.....	.....
Cleveland Circuit.....	J. F. Perry.....	400	325	75	60	43	3	2	7	3
Decatur.....	J. L. Neely.....	325	209	116	32	32	1	.....	5	1
Ducktown.....	W. D. Smith.....	200	47	153	32	27	2	1	3	1
Madisonville.....	G. M. Stone.....	300	205	95	25	21	5	1	4	2
Ooltewah.....	John Swiney.....	185	135	50	32	32	1	1	2	2
Tellico.....	J. H. N. Miller.....	100	63	37	20	15	3	.....	3	.....
Totals.....		6,093	5,577	1,154	626	533	36	26	35	37
DAYTON DISTRICT.										
Crossville.....	S. B. Scott.....	200	200	100	35	35	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dayton.....	M. H. Monroe.....	350	272	78	35	17	.....	.....	.....	.....
Graysville.....	D. Richardson.....	300	300	.....	30	30	5	.....	5	1
Hamilton.....	J. D. Winchester.....	310	310	.....	40	35	.....	1	.....	3
Hill City.....	L. Barrow.....	100	62	38	25	25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jasper.....	W. R. Long.....	280	188	92	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....
Pikeville.....	J. J. Krichbaum.....	130	130	.....	25	25	.....	.....	.....	1
South Pittsburg.....	J. W. McGee.....	450	75	375	35	25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring City.....	I. H. Miller.....	250	155	95	35	30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tracy City.....	T. A. Cass.....	.....	253	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	1
Tracy City Circuit.....	V. A. Faigaux.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walden's Ridge.....	J. S. Evans.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....		2,470	1,945	778	260	252	6	2	5	6
GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.										
Elizabethton & Roan Mt.....	B. Crist.....	375	150	225	25	21	1	1	.....	1
Ervin.....	F. H. Little.....	240	239	1	30	14	.....	1	.....	1
Fall Branch.....	G. B. Cox.....	385	300	85	50	44	4	2	12	2
Fullen's (Chuckey City).....	T. S. Walker.....	550	400	150	60	50	5	4	12	3
Greeneville.....	J. H. Amis.....	405	405	.....	40	33	2	2	10	6
Greeneville Circuit.....	T. H. Hodge.....	450	275	175	50	36	4	3	.....	3
Johnson City.....	S. G. Ketron.....	425	425	.....	60	60	2	2	5	5
Jonesboro.....	T. B. Russell.....	50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jonesboro Circuit.....	A. Bunn.....	250	200	50	40	26	2	.....	2	1
Kingsport.....	J. H. Jennings.....	400	139	261	50	30	.....	1	.....	1
Oakland.....	R. S. Sampson.....	535	500	35	50	50	1	1	.....	2
Taylorville.....	M. Seaton.....	300	292	8	50	50	2	2	2	2
Watauga.....	W. R. McNeese.....	268	167	101	32	32	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....		4,633	3,542	1,091	537	446	23	19	43	27
KINGSTON DISTRICT.										
Boatland and Wolf River.....	A. B. Hale.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clinton and Coal Creek.....	J. A. Baker.....	300	240	60	30	30	1	3	3
Clinton Circuit.....	W. D. Gorman.....	200	125	75	20	20	2	2
Jamestown.....	J. W. Dinkins.....

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		Pastors.			Presiding Elders.		Bish- ops.	Conf. Claim- ants.	
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Kingston	F. W. Henck ..	\$500	\$442	\$58	\$40	\$40	\$5	\$2	\$2
Kingston Circuit.....	J. H. Gillespie ..	200	89	111	20	20	1	1	4
Newcomb and Jellico ..	W. S. Cagle.....	300	300						2
New River.....	A. Dahuff.....	200	105	95	20	20	1		
Oliver Springs.....	J. N. Kendall....	300	194	106	30	30			2
Rockwood.....	W. T. Jones.....	350	201	149	30	27			
Scarborough.....	S. Greear.....	200	102	98	25	25	2	2	1
Sunbright and Oakdale..	A. B. Wright ..	250	183	67			1		
Totals		2,800	1,981	819	215	212	8	8	11
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.									
Emert	A. M. Rose	150	85	65	20	15	1		1
Fair Garden	R. C. Robertson..	315	210	105	50	50	4		12
Knox Circuit	T. R. West.....	380	314	66	50	43	3	3	6
Knoxville, Asylum St..	J. A. Ruble.....	800	650	150	40	40	2	2	2
Cinch St.....	I. A. Pearce.....	1,500	1,500		100	100	5		34
Little River.....	P. H. Henry.....	300	200	100	30	30	1		2
Loudon.....	J. W. Cassaday..	325	225	100	50	46	1	1	1
Loveville.....	R. O. Ayers.....	350	225	125	40	40	2	2	6
Maryville.....	D. S. Hodgesden..	725	496	229	80	64	6	4	15
New Market.....	W. T. Senter.....	350	300	50	50	50	2	2	8
New Salem.....	M. A. Rule.....	420	300	120	50	50	3	2	6
Sewerville.....	J. A. Nicholson..	450	450		80	80	2	2	8
Thorn Grove.....	J. M. Durham....	350	300	50	50	50	2	2	6
Totals		6,415	5,255	1,160	600	658	31	21	62
MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.									
Big Valley	J. L. McKenzie..	180	125	55	30	35			
Fincastle.....	I. H. Reneau....	300	115	185	40	28	4		6
Maynardville.....	J. B. Seaton.....	140	75	65	25	20			
Morristown	F. G. Mellor.....	500	500		20	20		2	
Morristown Circuit....	W. C. Graves....	250	100	150					
Newport.....	J. L. Cardwell..	300	224	76	25	26		1	
Parrottville.....	M. M. Murrell..	265	167	98	40	40			
Rogersville.....	P. W. Shockley..	300	207	93	60	28	2		5
Rutledge.....	W. Kinsland....	100	75	25	40	31	3		6
Sneedville.....	G. M. Hicks.....	172	85	87	30		1		3
Speedwell.....	A. G. Cadle.....	175	43	132	25	23			1
Tazewell.....	A. Y. Snively....	200	120	80	30	30			
Whitesburg.....	P. H. Reed.....				30	15			
Totals		2,882	1,836	1,046	395	296	9	4	20
RECAPITULATION.									
Chattanooga District..		6,693	5,577	1,154	626	533	36	26	35
Dayton District.....		2,470	1,945	778	260	252	6	2	5
Greeneville District..		4,633	3,542	1,091	537	450	23	19	43
Kingston District.....		2,800	1,981	819	215	212	8	8	11
Knoxville District.....		6,415	5,255	1,160	600	658	31	21	62
Morristown District.....		2,882	1,836	1,046	395	296	9	4	20
Grand totals		25,893	20,136	6,048	2,723	2,401	118	80	176

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